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Dr. James L. Barton,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton, -
With your letter of March third before me, I try to realize the new relations into which you have so cordially welcomed me. There is hardly any perceptible difference in the daily duties, but if possible I feel even a deeper responsibility in the use of my time, and in reporting the work to those whose

servant I now am under Christ. That is one especially charged with the whole Mission work, and therefore interested in my own problems, is a helpful subconsciousness at all times.

There are many things in which I shall esteem it a privilege to ask your judgment, since you so kindly offer to enter into the details of the work.

For the present I am holding my thoughts and plans rather in abeyance, until we shall hear from the annual meeting now in session. It is

possible that a change of location may be decided upon. I have felt very clearly that God gave me this year here, but I do not see the future in the same way.

Hoping that it may not appear entirely inopportune, the nearness of vacation impells me to ask if it would be best to make my proposed visit home this summer. It had been my plan to return before entering upon a commission, and as it seemed best not to delay making such application to the Board. so also I shall postpone

the trip according
your advice,

Thanking you most
heartily for your kind
expressions of interest

Sincerely Yours

Mary T. Long

Miss Mary H. Long,

Rec'd 7-24-97
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Guadalajara,
July 16, 1897.

Dear Dr. Barton, -

Leaving others to write you of the S. S. convention in Saltillo, from which we have just returned rejoicing, I shall plunge right into school matters.

The year's work in this line has been very unsatisfactory to me. Our school of about sixty, is nearly equally divided between Josefa de la Mora, who directs

the little ones, and Mi
Haskins, who has th
main school room in
a long but poorly
lighted room where t
sun never enters. I
have had classes in
a bright little room a
joining Josefa's. This a
rangement has given
me opportunity to ob
serve the work of th
latter through the gla
doors, and has sadde
ed me all the year.
Josefa is a very ca
pable girl, and at
times has perfect co
troll of the children.
Her blackboard illus
trations of Bible stori
are most original
and excellent, but
her ideals of educa

tion are thoroughly
Mexican. The little ones
are "studied" half of the
time that is repeat
lustily after her all
sorts of desirable scien-
tific knowledge, while
a picture chart is sup
posed to elucidate
the unfamiliar verbiage
of the definitions of
human anatomy, Bot-
any etc. The children
have no eyes, nor ears,
that see and under-
stand, - a curious
memory is developed-
but no mind to use
it. The slate work is
perhaps as st satis-
factory, numbers and
writing, giving some
chance for self expres-
sion. The last period

each day is occupie
with Kindergarten ma
terials, in the use of
which Josefa deserve
much praise for hav
ing learned entirel
from books. It amuse
and rests the childre
but that is all.

But by far the wors
part of the departmen
is Josefa's lack of
wholesome and wise
discipline. Our littl
ones are mostly from
very poor and neglec
ed homes. Many a
painfully precocious
and knowing. Sweet
childish trustfulness
is often replaced by
skepticism. They have
no regard for the rig
of others. Children in

children of this land are shamefully treated, deliberately without self controll and allowed to follow their own caprice until absolutely necessary to restrain them which act then becomes their force. They are jerked about, and angrily scolded. It is little wonder that people are said to die here of temper. If our little ones can not be brought back to gentleness, and love, and trustfulness, there seems little hope of doing it in the later years of school life.

With these thoughts borne in upon me daily I have been seeking some way to prepare Josefa for this work and

also to free us from the obligation of putting this department into her hands another year. Owing to most unfortunate relations between Josefa and Miss Haskins, it is quite impossible to suggest or help her in the work here. Miss Haskins does not approve, and more than I do, of the work, but has been for so many years dependent upon her, and so fully occupied herself with other parts of the work, that it has gone on.

The girl's home also is a poisonous atmosphere. Had she not had the root of the new life in her she

must have been over-
whelmed long ago. Her
mother lives in sin
with a fanatical Roman
Catholic, who also has
great power over Josefa
herself, and completely
rules the other members
of the family. Consider-
ing all of these things
I wrote to my friend
Mata the Teachers College
New York, inquiring
what help they would
give to the girl there.
I know of no institution
better calculated to a-
waken and stimulate
all that is noblest than
the pedagogical depart-
ment there. I received
a most sympathetic
reply offering to give

clerical work to cove
tuition. But I have
not been able to fin
a Christian home th
would receive her.
thought that if such
could be found with
the help from the colle
and what she herself
might earn from her
exquisite drawn work
I could supply board
and other expenses
from a small sum
left me by my mothe
and grandfather. Bu
Mr. and Mrs. Eaton stron
ly oppose the plan. I
also know that the ge
eral principle of educ
tioning natives from mis
sion lands in the Sta
is not sanctioned by

the board. This however is a little peculiar case I think. My own judgment is strengthened greatly by that of Mr. Bowlend, in considering it not at all likely to produce ill effect upon her already well established character. She is twenty-seven years of age and a year in such a wide place, would be the making, rather of the world for her

I have taken absolutely no steps toward concluding the matter, not even having spoken to the girls, and I call now await your counsel. Would you think it wise to put her in the boarding department

of the College itself.
The matron is a noble
and talented Christian
woman, and vigilant
mother of her girls, but
the object lesson of a
home, could not be
gained in this way.
If no more suitable
building can be found
for us, and it is very
doubtful, we are hoping
to knock down a par-
tition and convert
our sunny parlor into
a main school room
next year. As Miss
Hoskins and I have
very little opportunity
for planning together
it has seemed best
me to give up the
home trip in order

that we may plan for the coming year. The course of study has never been completed as the older girls have married or left school here to fore. Now however we think that presenting the end to view may encourage some to persevere toward the goal.

It seems very desirable to me to have a primary room separate. Young children need constant supervision, change, and direction such as is impossible to give them in a mixed room. But it is very perplexing to me, doubtless as my dear coworker and I have very different ideals of conduct

ing school work. The
is no conflict of cou
but as the responsibi
ity is not at all defi
ed, I hardly know no
our position, nor how
far I should try to fo
low my own judgme
The spirit of our sch
has been very bad.
There was so little lo
among the girls. Bu
God's Spirit is work
ing among them
and ever since the
meetings with Mr. Mo
rales the weekly pra
er meeting of the scho
in which they pray
together for themselve
as a Christian school
and for their familie
has drawn them nea

er and there is a decided change for the better. One naughty girl though, has been a great trial and hindrance for months, persisting in secret communication with a most unworthy young man. Do you think the time ever comes when one such must be sent away, - even to her ruin, - that is the hard part, - for the sake of others? Almost all of the other girls have been interested in helping Sara, evad our vigilance and disregard every rule of the house.

School will close in August, and we hope

change of scene will cure some of the infatuation.

There are many encouraging things also that I might write and shall take pain to do another time. I fear this is not the kind of information you want, but I desired to put before you the perplexities in regard to next year, that you may suggest and counsel me. I believe God will direct this His work and to His honor and glory.

Sincerely Yours
Mary F. Long

Miss Mary F. Long 2

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Guadalajara,

August 31 1897.

Dr. James L. Barton,
1 Somerset Street,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton,-

Please excuse me for returning to a subject upon which you may justly think the last word has been said. Here it strictly a mission matter, I should consider your strong disapproval of sending our native teacher, Josefa, to the States as without appeal. But since writing to you

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has been opened for her in Springfield, than reinforced by the judgment of my coworkers here and also of Mrs. White James, formerly of this school who understands the situation perfectly, I can not but return frankly put the matter before you.

All that you say in regard to the unadvisability of educating in the United States native workers from whatever foreign field, and the keen disappointment even sorrow of those who have sent them, even my short experience in Mexico

confirmed. They return
separated from their
own people almost more
than we are. But
this is not the point
especially involved in
Josefa's case. It is her
personal awakening
that I long for whether
she ever returns a
Christian worker or no.
The mission seems to
have done all that
it can for her. I be-
lieve she is a converted
girl, and will be
kept unto the end by
God's grace, but in
that home in these
circumstances, even
the Spirit of God has

no opportunity to
work out a vigorous
effective life. Here she
will probably live and
die a dwarfed bliss
ain, like a flower in
the shade, transplan-
ted into a healthy
atmosphere the fear
is that she will
develop into the Lo
only pattern. He has
no conception of wh
that is for her. It is
a mother's yearning
that I feel over this
girl, - longing to see
all of her strength
and soul called for

You are doubtless
acquainted with the

Bible Normal College in Springfield, and its directors. Rev. John H. Boukin, instructor in missions, writes, "You will see by the catalogue that two hundred and forty hours in the junior year are given to the subjects which I find named (viz. Psychology and Pedagogy.) Having been a missionary myself I appreciate the need of Pedagogy for successful work among the ignorant and neglected. We are trying to prepare a new type of missionaries." The emphasis laid upon these

two subjects, we may
offer just what is
needed technically
her preparation as
teacher in general
and its union with
the Bible course seems
just the most desira-
ble of influences.

Furthermore, the
home of my cousin
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bowne
has been opened to
Mr. Bowne who has
for years associated
with the Y. M. C. A.
as secretary in Jersey
City, and later in
School for Christian
ers, - is now librarian
in the Y. M. C. A. Train

in the School of Spring
field. They are both
distinctively Christian
workers, and offer to
receive Joseph in Christ's
name. The expenses
will also be greatly
reduced by this ar-
rangement.

Unless as a member
of the mission, you
wish me not to do it,
I am strongly inclined
to look upon this open-
ing as of God, and to
send her forth in Christ.

I have just returned
from two weeks in
Mexico City with Miss
Hammond. We enjoyed
exceedingly the many
kindnesses as well as other

points of interest. Many of the missionaries entertained us most cordially, and we hope have profited much by visiting some of the best mission schools as report goes, in the country, also the ~~best~~ government normal schools of both Mexico and Puebla. Miss Hoskins and I have just mapped out a complete course for our own school and propose graduate Juana this year.

There is no danger that I shall regard you as unsympathetic Dr. Barton whatever you feel called upon to reply. I have been very fond and understand always that quality in others.

Sincerely Yours
Mary J. Long

Miss Mary F. Long B

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L. E.

Guadalajara,
Jan. 27, 1898.

Dear Dr. Barton,-

Upon receiving your most kind and sympathetic letter in regard to Josefa, our assistant teacher, it was my intention to express to you my deep appreciation. But I have had no heart to write about the girl. After all was arranged she, herself, as I now believe, was unable to rise to her opportunity. She was not frank a-

bout it, which dis-
couraged me. He ha
left it open to her fo
next year, if she the
wishes to go. But he
Christian life is so
unsteady, and she
still refuses to break
away from the frien
that hamper her, s
that I hardly ex-
pect she will be-
roused. It is a gre
sorrow to me, to see
her, not being able
help. Yet I know th
God's hand controlls
all, and She has so
other way.

Our school this
year is divided a
we planned last su

mer, into three room-
where Josefa, Miss Hos-
kins and myself pre-
side. The main school
room is too small, but
we decided not to
knock down the par-
tition, until the plan
had been tested. From
my stand point, the
arrangements are
some improvement.
The primary children
are thus by them-
selves, and I am able
to live with them,
and through stories,
pictures and our
school room talks
am trying to create
an atmosphere of sun-
ny, sweet, and holy
thoughts, in which

little children, grow
like the flowers. The
children have respon-
ed much more tha
I anticipated. At
Christmas time the
were enthusiastic ov
the scrap books whic
we made for the hos-
pital, and the bits o
card board and silk
with which their lit
fingers could make
simple gifts for pa
rents or friends. Whe
our time is spent
chiefly over Arithm
tic, Reading, Writin
etc. these other thin
that touch the rea
springs of character
I consider the firs
part of our work.

Last week we resumed the "mission meeting", - which has been discontinued for some years. I, myself, have felt and expressed, the need of prayer together, to bind us up in the bundle of life, as one, which we are, - and also with the hope of coming to clearer understanding upon some minor points in our school policy. - We began by speaking of the household department. This year, I have tried not very successfully to relieve Miss Hoskins of a part of those duties. It has been my thought

that careful oversig
of the work in the ho
although it require
much time is very
important. Many in
stances are cited of
hopelessness of ever
teaching these gir
neatness and orde
in such a way tha
they will not return
in their homes to
their careless slove
liness. Does that re
lease us from our
obligation to insis
upon it here? Or is
it a useless expe
diture of time and
strength, which
might better be em
ployed in teaching

classes, or visiting? This latter part of our work is wholly neglected, (by the school, I should say). That seems a serious defect, - for the absentees are very numerous, and we ought to reach the homes. But neither of us have time to give to it. I find that I am not able to give Saturday to much work, or intercourse with people. If I do not withdraw apart that one day, - I am not equal to the following week's demands for inspiration, buoyancy, and adamantine

resistence, all of wh
we need to exercis
every day. I have
wanted to tell this
the board, and hav
your advise about i
We have at present
only fifteen girls in
the house and a ra
smaller number of
outside pupils, as co
pared with other yea
Sara, the disobedie
girl, of whom I wrote
chose to leave, rath
than discontinue he
relations with the
young man. We felt
compelled to give he
only that alternativ
She is going to move
now with her aunts
and while she visit

ing frequently is only liberalized, by her years here, - which is surely only worse condemnation.

The general church work is in good condition. Attendance is smaller, owing to the absence of many in other villages where they have found work. Sunday School is creeping up to a hundred, but nearly thirty are Americans. A C.E. society among our country men was organized two weeks ago, with thirteen members and is starting excel-

lently well, under the
direction of Mr. and M
Knott. We wonder at t
growth of this America
work, with so little e
fort, while great effor
produces so little a-
mong the Mexicans
The "heart Christianity
is very hard for the
to comprehend. It pa
me to have revealed
continually this lo
of personal knowled
of the Saviour, even
those who seem the
most advanced. The
are very little child
ren, we need abov
all a deepening of
the spiritual life.
The superstition and

worse, the terrible moral weakness, and lack of stamina, are very difficult to combat, but, while I have not seen many notable examples - I have unshaken faith in the almighty power of God's Holy Spirit, to change to the uttermost in spite of all.

Thank you sincerely for the notice of the appropriation for my outfit. As Miss White's things were here, I have really been in possession of a great part of it for some time. It is most generous, - surpassing much my

needs.

It will be a great pleasure, as well as much more, when you shall take part in our annual meeting. We shall now expect it next year. There is always some such beautiful hope before us missionaries. Perhaps it is so among all Christians, but for my own part, I never found life before so rich so full so alluring. Each year Dr. Barton has been my best, most blessed, and I expect the path th I have chosen to "shine more and more unto the perfect day."

Most sincerely yours,

Mary F. Long.

Miss Mary A. Long, 4

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Guadalajara,
October 6, 1898.

Dr. James L. Barton,
1 Somerset Street,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton,-

Although the report of the Guadalajara school presented at the annual meeting in Parral has been forwarded to you, I have desired to write you more fully of the past school year and of our prospects for the new term.

The changes inaugurated seem to have been for the most part an advance, and Miss Hoskins and myself feel that we should go even

farther this year in mak
a straight division of o
cook into house and be
having found by experien
that even with the best go
will and intentions a hea
one head, is essential to
smoothe running of any
department. Household
matters will remain in
Miss Hoskin's hands, whil
I shall direct the school.
The graduation of Tomas
Perez, the first week of Augu
following the examinations
and veloda, closed the
school year with consider
ble enthusiasm. As we hope
this event has stimulate
the remaining classes to
press forward. Next year th
graduation class will com

sist of two girls, one the daughter of a church member, a very capable girl and whom we shall help to complete her course by giving her some extra teaching in the school with a small compensation. The other girl, from one of the better to do families, is not a Christian, and her father desires that his children be nothing in religious matters. She was touched when Mr. Morales held meetings here, but hardens her heart. She has a good mind and lovable qualities. The constant burden of our prayers is that she may remain this year for her conversion. Tomasa has

school
a village, of twenty-two in
San Miguel, opened the
nineteenth of last month.
Miss Hopkins was there to
help start it, and there is
good prospect of a wide
influence for the school.
Tomasa is doing well and
writes of her great joy in
being able to help these
dear, simple, Christians to
go on in the Gospel. She will
probably organize a C. E.
society, and has already
called the people together
for a midweek prayer
meeting.

The opening of this school
will reduce the number of
boarding pupils in our school

as most of our girls came from San Miguel. We do not yet know how many "internas" we shall have. Miss Hoskins is now visiting in Ayo Chico and other parts, and hopes to bring in some new ones. There seems to be little demand for our work outside. I am praying that God will send us such as we may be able to help, through his grace. Several people have spoken to me of girls, whom they desire to put in the school, and I have arranged to take one from Chopola, a very fanatical place, but do not feel sure

of the outcome until she arrive.

Our assistant, Josefa de la Mora is now in Springfield, Mass., in the family of Mr. J. T. Bown, my cousin and is attending the Bible Normal College, in the city. I am glad that the meeting of the Woman's Board is to be held there, when you may have opportunity to see Josefa. I hardly felt like renewing the offer to her this year, but as my promise bound me, I did. The girl was less fearful after having become accustomed to the thought of going and overcome the objections of her family. I did not urge the matter again upon

my cousins, but the Lord inclined their hearts to renew their offer, and I felt sure that God's hand was in it all. She seems very happy there and ambitious, bravely facing the necessary homesickness. So we have put her into God's hands, leaving the shaping of her future solely to Him. Miss Hoskins bears her expenses equally with myself.

To fill Josefa's place in the school we have arranged with Doña Paula, an anti-catholic friend, I am sorry that we can say no more. She has taught classes for us for several years, and is a woman of excellent

character and wholesome influence. I tried to find Christian help, but could not for less than thirty dollars. Dona Paula will take the first three grades.

We have taken down a partition to make a beautiful school room, in which the remainder of the school can be seated, and shall use this year's Primary room for recitations. Our course of study is soon to be printed, also a circular of the school, which I shall send you later.

The spirit of the girls is much improved. The school prayer meeting, one

each week at recess, has helped greatly in creating a loyal, loving, band, - and I hope that it will do even more this year. We still have in the house a disturbing element in the person of Dona Juana. She is a remarkable woman in some respects, and perfectly trustworthy except for her tongue, which she has never been able to control, and while I have always felt that she has faith in God, her Saviour, she gives little evidence of the work of grace in her heart, and we are convinced that, the school

suffers from her influen
among the girls. But no
way has yet opened for
her to leave us, being
entirely dependent. We a
waiting upon the Lord.

This letter is already
so long that I shall ad
nothing of the general
work. The two month's voca
tion has been a very rest
ful one, I spent two week
with my cousin Mrs. Eato
and her brother in Agua
calientes, where the latte
is interested in minin
The rest of the time bein
spent here, at home, ha
given me opportunity to
arange many things
which school duties
have kept waiting, com

plete our plans for the coming year, and keep in touch with the people. A small Bible class of the older girls twice a week, has been a great joy to me. It is one of my air castles, some day, to hold a vacation Bible school. As yet we have not the earnest Christian girls, to make it possible.

Your kind letter of June twenty-fifth, again assured me of your interest and sympathy, for which I am very grateful. The work here has tried me severely, but this year opens more brightly than either of the previous years, and through God's

grace, we will not let it
go until it bless us
and our girls.

Yours most sincerely
Mary T. Long.

Miss Mary F. Long, AUG 10 1899 5
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Crogsmoor.

August 8, 1899.

Dr. James L. Barton,
1 Coongl House
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,-

Your pleasant greeting reached me through Miss Hammond, and I have waited to form more definitely my own plans before communicating directly with you. I reached New York on Saturday, July fifteenth, and came directly to my father's cottage here on top of the Shawangunk mountains, where I have remained. I now expect to visit relatives in and

near Boston the week beginning August twentieth, this being vacation time I almost fear that a meeting with you may be impossible. If however you are to be in Boston either that week or the following, and can conveniently see me, I should make all my plans with reference to that.

I am enjoying the home land profoundly, and hoping to be prepared to return with new strength both physical and spiritual to that land which can never be blessed until its God be the Lord indeed.

Sincerely yours,

Mary F. Long.

Dragonmoor

Ulster Co. N. Y.

Miss Mary F. Long,

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Crogsmoor,

August 15, '99

Dr. James L. Barton,
Congl. House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your kind reply of the tenth was received, and I am anticipating the pleasure of your "hearty welcome."

It is now my plan to arrive in Boston on Wednesday, August 23d. If convenient to you I should be glad to call at the rooms either

that afternoon or Thursday morning - as my aunt is at her summer home on North Scituate Beach, where I shall visit her for a few days.

The sudden death of our president is indeed a sad loss, and after so short a service.

Please address me Margaret Louisa Horne, 14 East 16th Street New York - where I shall remain until leaving for the East on Monday morning next. Sincerely yours

Mary F. Long.

Isabel M. Miller

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Miss Isabel Miller
Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mex.

11-8-94
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22 Oct., 1894.-

Dr James Barton:-
1 Somerset St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton.-

This is to let you know that I arrived safely in Fuerte September 14th. The school is now in progress having commenced 4th inst. There are at present forty-four enrolled, with the promise of a few more. Yesterday we had two applications from one of the ranchos, from young ladies desiring board at the school, but on account of pecuniary consideration, they may not be admitted - at least - that is what Wm Bissell thinks now.

As freight has not yet com
from New York I am unable
to say what the balance of
travelling money will be
I now have in hand.
I received from Dr Creegan
clerk, on leaving New York
allowance for travelling expe
Would you kindly advise
me about balance.
Wm & Wm Russell have a ve
promising work here, an
hope for better, from the
school as an auxiliary.
I regret we are so poorly
supplied in regard to scho
furniture and books &c.
With best wishes
Yours Sincerely
Isabel Miller

Miss Isabel M. Miller, 8

11-25-98
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Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Rev Dr Barton.-

Dear Sir,

Enclosed, please find the paper sent me, which I have filled out to the best of my knowledge and ability.

The day school here in Fuerte opened last month with an enrolment of 33 girls, as we decided to receive only girls this year. A Bible Class has also been organized in connection with the school. I am glad to note the growing interest weekly, among the older scholars, members of the class. The Bible class is very precious to me.

With kindest wishes

Sincerely Yours.

Isabel M. Miller

JUN 2 1899
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Miss Isabel M. Miller,
Regent St.
Belize
Br. Honduras
C. A.

25th May 1899.

Rev Jas. L. Barton, D.D.,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston.

Dear Dr Barton:

Please accept my thanks for your favor of May 15. I most sincerely appreciate your sympathy. It was with greatest reluctance that I decided to follow the physician's urgent advice, and leave the scene of my labors. I felt sorry that I was unable to communicate with you before leaving; this Mr. Bissell kindly undertook to do.

I am unable to write at length today, as I am still weak and suffering, but hope at an

early date to be able to write more definitely of my plans. I trust that in about a month or two, I shall have regained so much, as to make it possible to resume work. In the meantime, I shall keep you informed as to the state of my health &c.

I am
Most cordially Yours
Isabel M. Miller.

Miss Isabel M. Miller,

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Regent St. Belize,
Br. Honduras, C. A.
4th Aug. 1899.

Rev. L. L. Barton, D.D.,
Congtnl House, 14 Beacon St.
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I am glad to be able to report that I am gradually regaining health. My physician thinks I shall be quite ready for work in a few months' time.

After prayerful thought on the subject, I have concluded that I may be able to work better in some other field beside Puerto, since the climate has been proved to be so detrimental to my health.

Would there be any other possible opening for my services in

some other part of Mexico, or in Cuba, or Puerto Rico.

I am not aware that our Board has as yet opened work in the two latter places.

In the hope that you will kindly consider my suggestion

I remain

Yours very sincerely

Isabel M. Miller

Otis C. Olds

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# Chicago * Theological * Seminary,

45 WARREN AVENUE.

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Chicago, Mar. 6. '90. 188-

Dr N. G. Clark,

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter was received. I am glad that the prospect is so favorable for my appointment to North Mexico. Not only is it my chosen field but the only field to which I could go as I am situated at present. I was greatly interested a short time ago in a lecture delivered by Lieut. Schwatka on the Tahumari Indians. Hope that something may be done for them soon as well as for the Mexicans proper.

Will send in my application in a few days.

Yours respectfully

O C Olds

Mr. O. L. Olds.

Chicago, March 6. 1890.

Rec'd March 8.

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C. C. Owen — 12
Apr 16 1890

45 Warren Ave. Chicago,
April 16 '90.

Dr N. G. Clark,
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:

I received the news of my appointment as a missionary and of my designation to North Mexico a few days ago. When would you advise me to go to the field?

I must wait a year or two before I can be married but am ready to go alone whenever it seems best. I could go this Spring or I could wait until Fall, but I suppose it would not be wise to go to a warmer climate in the middle of the Summer.

The reason why I would think of waiting until Fall is in order that I may have some time

for rest. I am not sick, but after a hard year's study naturally feel somewhat tired. Three or four months of vacation, interrupted now and then by preaching, might be a good preparation for learning the language and taking up the duties of a missionary.
If however you advise that I go soon, I am willing, and can be ready by the first of June. By being somewhat careful and studying but a few hours a day during the Summer, it might be just as well eventually as if I were to wait until Fall.
Please let me hear from you soon.

Yours respectfully
O. C. Olds

O. C. Olds — 13

45 Warren Ave. Chicago
April 17 '90

Dr N. S. Clark,
Boston. Mass.
Dear Sir:

Your kind letter received to-day, and I send this not to supplant, but to follow my note of yesterday.

Do you think it wise or expedient for me to plan to go to Cusi, provided that I must go unmarried? Would not the difficulties of a strange language, a strange people a heavy work, with no wife or other friend to counsel and encourage, together with the necessity of keeping my own house and boarding myself, be more than health could stand?

I could work, with my brother for counsellor now and then,

up and down the Rio Grande.
or I could go to Parrall and
help Mr Case after a few
months, or anywhere else where
I could have a home and a friend
but to go without either to
such a responsible work as
Cusi seems like a night-mare
to me. It may not appear
so after a little. and perhaps
I have imagined greater diffi-
culties than exist, but certain-
ly there is something to be looked
at on that side. If it is the
Lord's will that I should go there
I would not wish to hesitate.
but in seeking for light that side
of it is always in mind.
There certainly is a call from
that field but whether to me

in my half-man, or unmarried condition I cannot decide. To be married before going would settle it, but that is out of the question.

I want to sell my life and health dearly in the Master's service, and yet if he asks for either in this way I am ready. If however health would not be imperilled I have no objection to going.

I have written very hurriedly but I think about as I feel.

If you could send me $100.00 I could purchase some things that I shall need before leaving the city. The most of my outfit I should probably leave until I returned for my wife.

Yours respectfully O C Olds

43 Warren Ave. Chicago
April 25 98

Dr N. S. Clark.

Dear Sir:

I received your all right and was much gratified to find that you did not think it wise for me to go alone to Cusi. We have now finished Seminary Commencement and so forth and I expect to leave for home tonight. My Ordination is to be at my home, Chilton, Wis. May 9th. I hope to have Ransom there to take one of the parts.

Yours respectfully
O. C. Olds

O. C. Olds.

Chicago, April 25, 1890

Rec'd April 28

O. G. Olds 15

Chilton Wis May 12 '90.

Rev. Dr N. G. Clark May 12 1890
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your kind wishes and interest. I would have enjoyed very much having you present at my Ordination. I wish you might have presented the work of my field to our people. As it was that part was left out. Dr Humphrey who had been invited, was prevented by another engagement from being present, and Mr Rauson, from whose visit and address we had anticipated much pleasure, was at the last moment neces-

sarily detained. Aside from this change in the "Right Hand" the programme was carried out as printed. The examination, though prolonged, was unanimously sustained, and the Council passed a vote of hearty congratulation and best wishes besides. Dr. Blaisdell did indeed give me a grand charge. May God help me to do my best to live up to it. But I must not burden you with a long letter. Suffice it to say that our people showed wonderful interest, and were present in large numbers at the Examination as well as at the evening service.

I feel that the impression produced has been for good.

I preached Sabbath morning at the invitation of our pastor. Next Sabbath I hope to preach for Dr Kegley at Beloit, and have been invited earnestly to speak at three or four other places. However I think I had better plan to leave soon for Mexico, say by the last week in May.

Spending the Summer at Mary, with Mr. and Mrs. Wright will give me quite a start in the language, and considerable insight into the work, in spite of the fact that the change of climate at this season may prevent very hard labor.

I sent my photograph as requested. I do not think that Miss Bush has anything at present that she would be willing to send. but she will have some taken before long.

Yours truly

O. C. Olds.

O. C. Olds 16
Clinton Wisconsin
May 19 90.

Dr. W. G. Clark.
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received. I go to Chicago to-morrow and will call on Mr Case. I had already planned to do so.

For my traveling expenses to El Paso, and for freight on books, I should think I would need about $40 00

If you can send me that amount I shall be much obliged. Of course I shall keep account of expenses and send an itemized statement as soon as I reach my destination.

I still plan to leave home about the first of June.

Many thanks for your kind regards and good wishes.

Yours truly

O. C. Olds

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Clinton Wis
May 27. 1890.

Dr. N. G. Clark.

Dear Sir:

I am glad that you sent more money than I asked for. I may need to use the entire $50.00 after all. Will report expenses to Treasurer Ward as requested.

I have just been enjoying a short visit from Rev. C. N. Ransom. He spent the Sabbath with us and spoke to our people Sunday morning, on the subject nearest his heart. It was a wonderful address. Every one was interested, and lifted up, part way at least, to the high plane of Christian enthusiasm and confident expectation, which Mr. Ransom himself occupies.

He brought out many beautiful things. One fine conception was that of Africa as a sleeping giant just coming to consciousness. The life-blood was beginning to flow; light was making its influence felt; the giant was stirring and heaving between the Oceans. The practical application was not far to seek. Now we must help. Now in this crisis give our assistance. The Captain of the Host of the Lord is before us, and will give us the victory. He will enable us to capture this continental fortress.

The effect of the whole was grand and I believe is lasting. Now, the people in Clinton will be linked with the work in Africa as well as with that in Turkey Japan and Mexico. If all our young missionaries could

that Mr. Case will be able to leave the hospital as soon as he anticipates. At best it will be a long siege and a long separation from his loved ones, and his work

I plan to leave on Friday and to reach my destination by the last of next week. I have been a good deal rested in these days at home, though there has been much of opportunity both for helping others and for receiving new impulses for service myself. I am realizing more and more unworthiness and my need of relying entirely on Divine help and wisdom.

Yours respectfully
O. C. Olds.

speak like Ransom it seems to me that all should spend some months in firing and stimulating the churches before going into their own active work. But we are not all Ransoms.

I saw Mr. Case while in Chicago and was blest in meeting him. His patience in the midst of pain and his hope and good cheer even when it all looked dark and discouraging taught me a valuable lesson. I was so much impressed and helped that I wanted others to meet him, and so the next evening I took Mr. Ransom and Mr. Beasley, a senior at the Seminary, to see him also. We sang and prayed with him, and were all benefitted. I do hope

D. C. Olds
C. Juarez —
Recd June 13. 1890

C. Juarez Mexico, Via El Paso, Tex.
June 7 1890.

Rev H. G. Clark D.D. —
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir

I have reached my destination in safety and Health. Have been cordially welcomed and received into the home of my brother and sister and am beginning to feel already a little as if I was a missionary. My trip was not tedious, and today it is quite cool. Yesterday on my arrival I was even greeted with a shower of rain, something which has not been known here since last October.

I expect to begin with the Spanish on Monday. A good teacher has been engaged and I hope to put in the summer to good advantage.

I enclose the programme of a reception to be given me tomorrow afternoon. It is very kind in Mr Wright to arrange for such a service and kind in those who participate.

I will send to Mr Ward a bill of expenses.

Yours respectfully
O. C. Olds

# RECEPCION.

## AL REV. OTIS C. OLDS.

A SU LLEGADA EN ESTA CIUDAD.

EL DOMINGO 8 DE JUNIO DE 1890.

## PROGRAMA.

I. Canto: "A Dios, el Padre celestial." . . . . . .

II. Música: Por el coro de la Iglesia Presbiteriana de El Paso, Tex.

III. Lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras, y Oracion. . . . . .

IV. Canto . . . . . Por la Congregación.

V. La Bienvenida: Por los cristianos evangélicos mexicanos. . . . .
. . . . . Sr. José Ibañez.

VI. Por las otras denominaciones. Pastor de la Iglesia Metodista Episcopal, El Paso . . . . . Rev. O. J. Moore.

VII. Por sus compañeros en el ministerio . . . . Rev. A. C. Wright.

VIII. Música . . . . . Por el coro.

IX. Contestación . . . . . Rev. Otis C. Olds.

NOTA: El Sr. Olds viene del Seminario de Teología de Chicago, Ill. E.E. U.U., y está comisionado á trabajar en la Misión del Norte de la Iglesia Congregacional. Estará en esta ciudad por unos meses antes de establecerse definitivamente.

Convidamos respetuosa y cordialmente á Vd. y á su familia para que asistan.

A las cuatro y media de la tarde, en la "Casa de Oración," situada en la propiedad del Sr. Apolonio Girón.

Ciudad Juárez.

ALFREDO C. WRIGHT.

C. Juarez Mexico. Via El Paso Tex.
Aug 11. 1890.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston. Mass.

Dear Sir:

My life runs very smoothly at present and there is little to report. I am working away at the Spanish as fast as I can and can see that I am making some progress. Professor D'Arcais, who is instructing me, expresses himself as quite pleased. Two weeks ago I took a vacation of ten days and went with Mr. and Mrs. Wright to camp in the mountains a few miles from Deming. N. M. The trip rested and refreshed me very much, so that now our hot weather is more endurable. I hope to be fitted for considerable work before winter.

Yours very truly

O. C. Olds

Co. Juarez, Aug. 11. 1890.

Rec'd Aug. 18.

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C. Juarez Mexico Via El Paso Tex.
Sept. 3. 1890.

Dr. N. G. Clark
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

As the time approaches for me to leave Juarez and begin the active work the question arises where is it best to go. There are two places that seem to need me about equally and I find it difficult to decide between them. The mission wish me to express my preference but I want to go where I am needed most. and I think you could judge as to that fully as well as I, or as well as any one on the field. The two places referred to are Cosihuiriachic and the Parral region. The needs of Cusi you know. Mr. Wright was there and found open doors for all that he could do. San Isidro and one or two other outstations, are very promising and need attention. Mr Eaton writes that the fire has caused but little diminution in the number of the brethren at Cusi, and that at San Isidro. the members are ready with some encouragement and direction to

build a chapel. In short there is plenty to be done in this locality and though a regularly equipped missionary is needed, still with my three months' study of the language I might do something.

Of the work in and about Parral you are also fully informed. Mr Case has opened up a large number of points and has organized several churches which he oversees and visits as he can. Now on account of rare opportunity and also of special need at one of these points, Las Cuevas, he has decided to go there soon and to spend the winter there. That will leave the center of his field unoccupied, and at the same time will make it more difficult for him to give attention to other points of the field. One reason why he wishes to go to Las Cuevas is that he may encourage the brethren there to build.

He writes "Should Mr. Olds come, it is not necessary to say that he would be exceedingly useful, overseeing affairs at Parral, he helping me some at Las Cuevas, and I helping him some at Parral, and both doing what we can, singly and together, at the other points"

Besides this loss to a part of his work on account of a change of base, Mr. Case is to lose in his whole work by the withdrawal of ~~two~~ one native helpers and a school teacher who have heretofore been with him on his circu

He seems therefore to be in great need of assistance. In such a place I might find more that I could than in an isolated and large station like Cusi. Again, perhaps to be associated with ~~with~~ Mr. Case would be the means of fitting me for strong work myself sooner than if I were to undertake full responsibilities at once. However the Cusi work certainly needs a man and ought not to be left uncared for. Is it at all possible to send us another man so that a dilemma would not confront me?

I hope that you will advise me and help me to decide aright.

Yours very truly

O C Olds

Rev. O. C. Ogden
Sept. 3. 1890
C. Juarez

Part Letter. 21
Mexico.

Chihuahua, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas) Sept. 29 1890.

Dr N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.
Dear Sir:

Your letter was received some time ago. The Mission has not yet taken any action as to my destination as yet. but I expect to hear soon. Meanwhile I am following your advice and working in the Spanish as well as I can. Yesterday I read my first sermon in Spanish and found that the people could understand me very well already.

I send with this a short account of the recent "flood" in Juarez. If you think it available for the

Rev. O. C. Ellis

E. Guaymas, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) .....191..

Children's Page in the Missionary Herald, perhaps you will send it to Dr Strong. If you think it important enough to publish they can do as they like, making use of all the pictures or only of the one of the church.

Perhaps the Herald will be over-crowded now at the time of the Annual Meeting, and if so, of course you will not care to use this.

Yours truly

O. C. Olds

C. C. Olds.

C. Juarez, Sept. 29, '90.

Reid Oct. 6.

Chihuahua, Mexico.
Jan. 16, 1891.

N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

It has been some time since I have written you, but while I was at Juarez with Mr. Wright, I thought there was little need of writing. There my work was much the same from day to day, teaching in the Training School for two hours in the morning, preaching every other Sabbath to the native congregation and filling in all the remaining time with the study of Spanish. We had a very interesting and profitable Conference. Of course it will be reported to you from all sides. It gave me a grand opportunity to see and know all the missionaries here in Mexico, and to learn of the work in the different fields of labor. Now, I have the feeling that my work is a part of the grand whole,

can see something of the plan of the whol
campaign. We enjoyed having Dr. Hitch-
cock with us very much. His words were
encouraging and inspiring. He seemed much
interested in the progress of the work here, and
especially after his visit to Parral and
Chihuahua.

The mission voted that I should go to
occupy the Sierra Region, Cusihuiriachic and
San Ysidro, but that first I should be permitt
to go to Parral, to help Brother Case for two
or three months, and assist in the chur
building enterprise at Las Cuevas, enough to
be able to push a similar work at San Ysidro
later. It was thought advisable how
ever that I should at once go to Cusi and
San Ysidro for a short visit to learn somethi
of the field and to encourage the brethren the
Mr. Wright seemed to be the one to introduce
his successor to this work, and as Mr. Bissell
was still at Juarez and could carry on som
of the School work in Mr. Wright's absence
he decided to go. Accordingly Mr. Wrig
and I left Juarez Monday the 5th, and th
next day started with horse and carria
from Chihuahua. The drive of 80 miles w

a hard one, for at this season of the year the wind is strong and the cold penetrating. But we received a warm welcome from the brethren at Cusihuiriachic. We held services Thursday and Friday Evenings, which were attended by all the believers, men, women and children. The expressions of love and regard for Mr. Wright were very touching. One woman said she had been praying all these months that she might see her minister again, and now that her prayer was answered she was going to pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them all. All were ready and anxious to give testimony or lead in prayer, and the renewal of consecration to God was general. One good woman wanted me to hurry and come back to them for as she said: "We are very hungry." Saturday we went on 50 miles further to San Ysidro and though sickness and the cold kept some away from the services, we had a good Sunday and I think encouraged the brethren there

The 130 miles back to Chihuahua was accomplished speedily, so that Wednesday night, Mr. Wright was able to return to Juarez. I am the guest of Mr. Eaton until Monday, when I go on to Parral. The brethren here seem very earnest and faithful. The attendance at the mid-week meeting last night being good. It was a pleasure to greet these brethren and meet them personally. As one goes from station to station, it is borne in upon him more and more that the Church of Christ is one and we are all brethren.

Yours in the Work of the Lord

Otis C. Olds

(Parral Mexico)

Chihuahua, Jan. 16. 1891.

Rec'd Jan. 22.

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Hidalgo del Parral, State of Chihuahua, Mexico.
Feb. 19, 1891.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.
Congregational House, Boston,Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

I am now at Parral, supplying the pulpit here while Mr.Case and his family are at Las Cuevas, and helping in the work in every way that I can. Have made two tours with Mr. Case,already,one to Zaragosa,50 miles to the north, and the other over the mountains,30 miles or more from Las Cuevas. This last was made last week, and I think you may be interested in hearing something about it. There may be parts of the account too that would have interest forthe readers of the Missionary Herald.

The object of our trip over the mountains was twofold. Mr.Case wished to contract for lumber and vigas for the new chapel which is being built in Las Cuevas, and we wished to visit the ranches there, and if possible hold a service or two. A day's ride brought us to the central and largest ranch in the neighborhood,the ranch San Francisco. Farmers here do not live in isolated houses on theirs farms, as at home, but live in groups, in these ranches, three or four,or fifteen or twenty families in a ranch.

It looked at first as if Don Florentino was not going to receive us,for we made no secret of the fact that we were Protestants, and had come to buy lumber for a Protestant Church. He was the owner of the ranch, had hundreds of cattle, and hundreds of acres of valuable farming land,. Besides he was the judge of all that district, a very influential man. On the other hand,his personal appearance and dress were like the poorest of his servants, and he could neither read nor write. After a little hesitation, we were invited in, and treated very hospitably: however, Don Florentino did not wish to know anything about our religion, nor hear anything from the Bible. He was a good Romanist,and he knew that the priests would make trouble for him if he listened to these "Agents of the Devil", or read the Bible. After some conversation he brought out a picture of "La Niña de Cabora",a young lady whom the priests are using to attract these superstitious people, teaching them that she has miraculous power, and is a second Mary, or a Christ come again to the earth. He showed also a letter from Heaven, which some rascally priest had written and sold to him at a great price, telling of the divine powers of this young woman. Don Florentino firmly believed, like thousands of others, that this letter had been written by the finger of God,and brought down by the angel Gabriel.Indeed some sentences did come down from Heaven,for the priest had quoted from the Bible, and this gave us opportunity to turn to them,and read them from the Bible itself. Thus gaining his attention, we read other passages, so that by eleven o'clock, he had not only heard several passages ,bearing upon errors of the Roman Church, but had listened to some of our Gospel Hymns.

Chihuahua, Jan. 16, 1891.

We were agreeably surprised the next morning, when we proposed a service for the evening, to receive Don Florentino's consent, and also the offer of the best room in the ranch for the purpose. The day was spent in visiting other ranches in the valley, reading and explaining the Gospel, and singing hymns. Here and there we found a believer, the fruits of a short visit made some months before by one of the native brethren. As arule the people seemed glad to receive us, and several would come in to hear us sing.

At the service in the evening, 46 persons were present: thus thoroughly we had overcome the prejudice agsinst us. If we had tried to hold a meeting on first arriving, we pobably could not have induced a half a dozen to attend. We were especially pleased to see a goodly number of women present, for, just as at home, the women are the most earnest and faithful Christians, so here, they are the most fanatical in the errors of Romanism. Singing was new to these people, and the gospel in song interested them deeply. Praying was new to them and before offering prayer, we had to explain our act, and show how it was taught by the Bible. Then Mr. Case, reading passages from the Scriptures, explained to them in a simple manner the great doctrines of repentance, faith, justification and sanctification. But this sermon was not enough, and they continued to give the closest attention, while he explained to them what Protestantism was, and how the Roman Church in Mexico was teaching doctrines and practices directly opposed to the Bible, not in one instance, but in dozens. It was pitiful to watch their faces, especially the women, as they heard for the first time how cruelly they had been deceived by the doctrines of penance, of purgatory, of confession, etc. They could not hear enough, and were not willing to leave the room until they had listened for nearly three hours. On leaving many thanked us for coming, and wanted us to promise to come again, and tell them more. One woman said: "And is it only this one night? This is the most precious news I ever heard. I want to know more". And Don Florentino himself, was so thoroughly convinced, that he told us, that if any of his people, continued to talk against the Protestants, he would take them into the house and make them read the Bible for themselves.

Thus we succeeded in gaining the friendship and influence of a powerful man, and in making a very promising opening in a populous valley. We ought to have a man to give his whole time to this field, but we have none. Other openings just as promising are awaiting the men, not only in this station, but throughout our mission, while we who are here, are spreading ourselves out over as much ground as possible.

Yours in the Work,

Otis C. Olds
Parral, Mexico.

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At the service in the evening, 40 persons were present: thus thoroughly we had overcome the prejudice against us. If we had tried to hold a meeting on first arriving, we probably could not have induced a half a dozen to attend. We were especially pleased to see a goodly number of women present, for, just as at home, the women are the most earnest and faithful Christians, so here they are the most fanatical in the errors of Romanism. Singing was new to these people, and the gospel in song interested them deeply. Praying was new to them and before offering prayer, we had to explain our act, and show how it was taught by the Bible. Then Mr. Case, reading passages from the Scriptures, explained to them in a simple manner the great doctrines of repentance, faith, justification and sanctification. But this sermon was not enough, and they continued to give the closest attention, while he explained to them what Protestantism was, and how the Roman Church in Mexico was teaching doctrines and practices directly opposed to the Bible, not in one instance, but in dozens. It was pitiful to watch their faces, especially the women, as they heard for the first time how cruelly they had been deceived by the doctrines of penance, of purgatory, of confession, etc. They could not hear enough, and were not willing to leave the room until they had listened for nearly three hours. On leaving many thanked us for coming, and wanted us to promise to come again and tell them more. One woman said: "And is it only this one night? This is the most precious news I ever heard. I want to know more". And Don Florentino himself, was so thoroughly convinced that he told us, that if any of his people, continued to talk against the Protestants, he would take them into the house and make them read the Bible for themselves.

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Yours in the work,

Paul Ott. Sept. 19, 1891

Parral, Mexico
April 18th 1891.

Dr. M. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of March 26. was found awaiting me here on my return April 14th from my trip to Cusi and beyond.

I cannot say yet what my plan is for returning north for Miss Bush. She graduates from Iowa College in June, and I hope that in October or November she may be ready to welcome me, but the date is not yet fixed.

Pleasant as it would be, I do not think I ought to remain here during the summer, and so ought to leave in the course of a month. There is much to be done here it is true. Three churches and three out-stations, widely scattered at that, under the direction of one man. But in Cusi and the Sierra region there are two churches, and two very promising out-stations without any direction at all. The fact is we need another man badly, and at once; but while we are waiting and hoping for another, we must keep up the centers of our work, even if portions

of such a field as this at Parral have to be neglec
My recent trip was full of interest. I was gone
four weeks and with the exception of one week spent
in services at Cusi I was in the saddle nearly eve
day. A rough estimate of the entire distance travell
would be 625 miles. I was joined at Cusi by Gregori
Rodriguez, a native helper from Chihuahua. The services
held there during Holy Week were fairly attended, an
resulted in giving new courage and consecration
to the brethren there. The Jefe Politico was present at
one service, and later when our meeting was distur
by outsiders, he showed himself our friend, by faithful
executing the laws and punishing the offenders.
From Cusi we went to Bachiniba, 60 miles to the nor
which although a town of considerable size (perhaps 200
had never been visited by Protestant missionaries.
We found the people quite fanatical, and at first we
were unable to obtain food for ourselves and horse
When we went to the Presidente of the town to tell
him that we wished to hold a Protestant service
in some hired room that night, and in case of
emergency expected the protection of the law, we we
surprised to find that he was entirely unwilling
to protect us, although he warned us that violence
might be expected. It would very likely have meant
death to one or both of us, to have tried to hold a

service in opposition to the will of the authorities, and so we passed on to another place. At San Geronimo we were received gladly. The place reminded me of a Southern plantation, everything being on so grand and hospitable a scale. There are probably 200 or 300 people living on the hacienda, and the owner of it all is a veritable king. He is a man who has a Bible and has been reading it with interest and profit. He invited us to preach in his private chapel, erected for Romish idolatry, but now freely offered for the true worship of the true God. We were obliged to hasten on to another ranch where they were expecting us that evening, but promised to hold a service in his chapel on our way back. At this other ranch we found that there were 80 or more people nearly all of whom had been interested, by the proprietors, in the gospel. They had gradually lost their fear of the terrible Protestants so that they came together gladly in the evening to hear what we had to tell them. We found several of them believing in Christ, and trying to shape their lives in accordance with Christ's teachings. They promised to continue with their meetings every Sunday under the direction of their employers, until I should be able to visit them again, when they say they want to organize a Congregational Church. Only a very few can read and write, so that all

this work, under God, is the result of the efforts of the Christian employer, Chas. Maynard. He first was the means of converting his Mexican partner, and then went to work for his peones. They hope this summer to put up a chapel on the ranch, so that if the Las Cuevas brethren do not hasten with their work, the honor of erecting the first Congregational church building in the State will be stolen from them.

The promised service in San Geronimo was fairly attended, and I hope did some good, but there we found an enemy to contend with, who was secretly, but busily, sowing tares in the wheat. He is a renegade son-in-law of the owner, who though a skeptic himself finds it for his interests to keep his wealthy father-in-law in the darkness and ignorance of Rome, and to this end denounces us in every possible way. However I arranged with the brother-in-law of the owner, a fine man, and a true Christian so far as he has received the light, to read the Bible and other books and tracts that I left him, to such as might be willing to come to the chapel on Sundays.

We went from there to San Ysidro where we had good Sunday services, and then returning to Cusi. I started back on the 5 or 6 days ride to Parral.

You see there is work to be done in the Sierras as well as about Parral. May God help us, and bless you at home, that these opportunities may be seized to the advancement of the Kingdom.

Yours respectfully Otis C. Olds.

Parral, Mex. Feb. 18, to Feb. 26, 1881.

C. Juarez. Mexico.
June 30, 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Boston. Mass.

Dear Sir:

Since my last letter I have moved about considerably, so much that I have visited all of our stations, and all of our churches but two, in the State. I left Parral about the 1st of June. It seemed best that I should leave for the Cusihuiriachic field, for the time (2 or 3 months) which by vote of the mission, I was to spend in Parral had elapsed, and the special need of my being in the field while Mr. Case was constructing the Las Cuevas church, was past. I do not say that Mr. Case no longer needed help, for he does sadly. In his field, there are three churches, one of them 50 miles from Parral, and at least 12 other promising preaching points, in ranches and towns of the neighborhood. All this work is now left to Mr. Case alone. Another reason why I wished to leave at this time was in order to join Mr. Wright at the close of his school, in my field, that we might together visit some outstations and make a trip to Jesus Maria a mining town, four days muleback from our church

at San Ysidro. Mr. Wright left Juarez the same day that I left Mr. Case's field, and 8 days afterward both of us having been traveling most of the time, we met, according to plan, at the ranch El Refugio, about 50 miles north of San Ysidro and Guerrero. The owners of this ranch are Christians, and are working earnestly for the conversion of their men and their families. I visited the place last April on my horseback trip from Farral to this field. We had very interesting meetings there, continuing for six evenings, and at the close 11 had professed their faith in Christ, and their purpose to follow him, and him only in all their lives. Several influential men from neighboring large ranches were reached, and some convinced of the truth. I hope to organize a church there in the fall, and they expect to have completed a little chapel against that occasion. The day after our arrival I was taken seriously ill and was barely able to continue the trip with Mr. Wright at the end of the week. We went to San Ysidro, and there I was taken with another attack, so that we not only decided that it would be impossible to go to Jesus Maria, but that it would be wise

for me to go somewhere as soon as possible, where good food and nursing could be obtained. The cause of my sickness seems to have been the coarse and unwholesome Mexican food. No American food or cooking could be had so far in the interior as we were. Traveling as I was able, a few hours at a time, we made our way to Cusihuiriachic and Chihuahua, and arrived here Saturday the 27th. I hope that a month of the comforts of my sister's home, with a part of the time spent in the mountains, will build me up again so that I can go to Cusihuiriachic in August. My stay in Parral was not an unprofitable one, certainly not to me, and I hope not to the station. Counting up some of the tours made, I found that in less than four months I had ridden horseback over 1500 miles, and since leaving here last January I had preached every Sunday but one. At present one of our theological students Sebastian Hernandez is in Cusihuiriachic, doing the best he can until I can join him.

I enjoy Mexican work, and only wish I could do the work of two or three men in as many different places at once.

Yours respectfully Otis C. Olds

Rev. C. C. Creed.

C. Juarez. June 30. 1891.

Recd July 6. 1891.

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# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico,

Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, Mexico.

September 17, '91.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

When I last wrote you, I was with my brother and sister, the Wrights, in C. Juarez, whither I had been obliged to go on account of sickness. The heat was so intense, however, that it was thought best to leave it for a little time, and so we all went up in the mountains, near Las Vegas, N. M. There I began rapidly to improve, and, after five weeks was able to return to my field, and resume work. I have been here now over a month, and in that time, have succeeded in doing something, to rekindle the zeal of the brethren, who have been left alone so long. But I realize that I am only half a man at best, and so I wish your permission to go to the States to take unto myself the better half. Miss Bush is now ready to come, and we hope to have the wedding about the 20th of October. We shall want a few weeks to visit friends and relatives, and to purchase our outfit, only a small portion of which I have yet bought. Thus leaving Chihuahua the 6th of October, I shall hope to be back there by the middle of December. As to the money allowed me for outfit, will it be sent to our mission Treasurer, or to me directly? I will enclose a statement of the outfit money thus far used, which, if you please, you will kindly hand to Treasurer Ward.

Cusihuiriachic is still very dull. The million dollar mill, (silver mill) which was burnt a year ago last April, has not yet been rebuilt, and thus four or five hundred men are out of employment, and many have gone away. As a church, we have

lost some by removal, and all Christian work is crippled more or less by the hard times. The Chihuahua church is the one which has been chiefly benefitted at our expense, although some have gone to other points. Last Sabbath I spent with our church in San Ysidro, 50 miles to the west. I hope to be able to report a chapel built in that field, by next spring. But it can only be done by my spending most of my time next winter, with them, to help them, and to push the work. Sunday Evening I held a service in Guerrero, a city 3miles from there. The city is of considerable importance as a shipping point for the mining regions of the mountains, and just now, on account of the expected arrival of a railroad, is experiencing a first-class western "boom". Those who claim to know, say that the railroad cannot reach there in three years, But if it ever does Guerrero will be a large city. It has a large, rich, agricultural valley, which Chihuahua does not have, and the advantages of plenty of water, and nearness to the richest mines of the State. I am not trying to sell real estate, only to show that it is a city which we ought to occupy. Mr. Wright and Mr. Eaton have held occasional services there at rare intervals, with but little success. Now, however, with the improved state of business, perhaps something could be done. At the same time, I should not like to see Cusi abandoned. There is much to be done here, and also in two other points close at hand.

Hoping to hear from you soon with regard to my leave of absence, I am

Yours respectfully,

Otis C Olds

P. S. Can the Board pay my traveling expenses in this expected journey? I had hoped to be able to save a little from my salary, so that it would not have been necessary to have asked it, but, what with the loss of two stolen horses, and the expenses of my sickness, I have not saved anything, but have been obliged to overdraw.

OC Olds

Chihuahua, Sep. 17. 1891.

Rec'd Sep. 28.

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Salary of Mr. Olds, October and November at $56.25; $112.50, reduced to U.S. Cy @ 131% = $85.88

Railroad Fare, Chihuahua to Chicago and return $58.56

Mrs. Old's Railroad Fare Chicago to Chihuahua $29.23

Mrs. Old's Traveling Expenses, meal tickets etc $5.00

$178.67

Chihuahua, Sep. 17, 1891

# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico,

~~Casihiriachic~~ ~~Chihuahua~~, ~~Mexico~~.

Beloit Wisconsin

Oct. 12, 1891

Dr. H. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Treasurer Ward's note with draft for $475.95, outfit-money, received through Mr. Wright of El Paso last week.

I have been spending Sunday here at my mother's home before going on to Garner, Iowa where Miss Bush lives.

How shall I manage with regard to my expenses on this trip? After our marriage we shall of course wish to visit here, and shall be obliged to go to Chicago to buy outfit; and, although I have secured half-fare railroad permits, both for myself and my wife, (to be) our expenses will be considerable. However I think I can meet them all, out of my regular salary for October and November with the exception of my railroad fare from Chihuahua to Chicago and return, and of course, my wife's expenses, as a new missionary, from her home to the field.

If it meets with your approval therefore, I should like to have the enclosed bill given the Treasurer of the Board and the money sent me at Beloit, Wisconsin.

Of course this bill of expenses represents but a small part of the actual expense incurred, and about to be incurred, by me on this pleasant errand. Thus I have asked that my regular salary be continued. At the same time my salary would not be sufficient to meet all the expense.

If it would make confusion for Treasurer Ward to pay my salary, he can send the balance, $92.79, and I can apply to our mission treasurer for the salary.

I am hoping and praying that you may have a blessed and prosperous meeting this week. I wish I could be present.

Yours Respectfully

Otis C. Olds

Beloit, Oct. 12, 1891.

Rec'd Oct. 15. P.C.

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Beloit, Wisconsin
October 29, 1891.

Dr. H. G. Clark.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 1st inst. is at hand. It is evident from its contents that you failed to receive my letter of the 12th. In it I acknowledged the receipt of Outfit Money from Treasurer Ward. The request which I then made with regard to money for our expenses has been substantially granted by your statement that the Board will meet the necessary expenses which I may report to you, less my salary for the time being. This arrangement, of course,

Beloit Oct 29 1891

o entirely satisfactory.
I enclose the blanks, filled
ut, which you sent me.
cannot just at present send
n a photograph of Mrs. Olds.
ut will do so soon. You already
ave one of mine. If you desire,
however I will send you
nother.
Naturally the days are full
visiting with old friends and
rofessors in my old College
own. Next Sunday the 1st. Nov.
am to speak in the 1st
ongl Church here. The Sunday
ollowing I plan to address the
eople at Clinton. We go soon
to Chicago to purchase outfit.

Yours Respectfully
Otis C. Olds.

Ans'd
Nov. 19th

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Beloit, Wis.
Nov. 16. 1891.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:

We have just returned from Chicago, having purchased most of our outfit; and now, after making a few visits here in Beloit, shall be ready to start for Mexico. Our necessary expenses thus far have been about $100.00 and I think that our expenses from here to the field can be kept within $70.00 more. The duties and freights on our outfit cannot be very well estimated at present

and I think, may as well
wait until we reach El Pas
before asking for the mone
From El Paso I will send a
itemized account of our expe
together with freight bills, and
duty-estimates.
I wish, however, you would
ask Mr. Ward to send us
$70 or $100. at once, to be used
in expenses to field.
I understand that we
are to plan to help Mr. Whi
as long as may be necessar
before we go on to Cusi.
I find it difficult to follo
your counsel with regard to
making addresses. Spoke
yesterday at a union service
in Clinton, and shall
probably be obliged to
speak in Port Byron, all,

and in Garner, Iowa before
leaving for Mexico.

Yours Sincerely

Otto C. Olds

Rev. Otis C. Olds.

Beloit, Nov. 16, 1891.

Rec'd Nov. 20.

# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico,

~~Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, Mexico.~~

Beloit, Wis. Nov. 21, 1891.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We are now bringing our visit to a close and shall go in a few days to Gamer, Iowa to finish packing, and say our farewells.

What are your instructions with regard to our stopping in Juarez? If Mr. Broton has not yet been appointed, perhaps it may seem wisest to you to have us stationed there to assist in church and school. That change, as you are aware, could be made just at this time with less loss to the work, and with less expense than at any later time. It is not so if I had gotten fairly into the work of my station. I was only in Cusihuiriachic six weeks, and most of that time had to be spent in carpentering, and in making trips to Chihuahua etc. Most of my evangelistic work, which you have been pleased to notice kindly, has been done about Parral, in connection with Mr. Case. Then, too it's an open question with me, and with our mission, whether Cusi should be re-occupied, or whether the missionaries occupying the station had not better live in Guerrero, the booming city 50 miles to the west and work Cusi as an out-

# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico,

Cusihuiriachic. Chihuahua. Mexico.

tion. Cusi is dead. in a business way, and deserted by
o thirds of her inhabitants. while Guerrero is to be the terminus
the new railroad, and eventually, I believe, a rival of Chihuahua.
ore with regard to this later, after it has been discussed by
r mission, so that we may present the matter for your
pproval or disapproval in a more definite way. But I mention
re to show that, if need be, the Cusi station could be left
vacant a little longer with no real loss except that occasioned
delay to begin work, and that a new man could take up
hat work, if it were desirable, almost as well as I myself, especially
he knew something of Spanish. As regards expense, the freights
d duties on my outfit, which I fear will amount to something like
hundred dollars, would be saved, as against what would be the
se if we were transferred to Juarez later. Of course to
ove any other missionary family of our station to that
oint would involve far greater expense than that.
regards our delaying in Juarez temporarily to help Mr. Wright,
think that, if it were to be for some definite time, say for six months
that we could rent a house and begin house-keeping, it would
very pleasant for all concerned, and would take much of
e responsibility and strain from Mr. Wright; but as he himself
ays, if it is to be for only a short time, and then we go on, before
ermanent help reaches him, that it will only make harder
for him the whole load of work, when obliged to take it up
at our departure

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# American Board to Northern Mexico.

Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, Mexico.

I am glad that you realize so fully the importance of lieving Mr. Wright as soon as possible. I believe our mission e united on that score, and all will rejoice when it accomplished. If it cannot be done through the appoint- nt of Mr. Broton at once, Mrs. Olds and I are ready to to his assistance; on the other hand we are equally eady to take up the western Chihuahua work in the istrict of Cusi.

Hoping that you will pardon me if I have expressed mpself too freely on this subject, and earnestly desiring do the utmost in my power for the advancement of the hole of the Mexican work, I am

Yours sincerely
O. C. Olds.

Address, Garner, Iowa.

Beloit, Nov. 21, 1891

Rec'd Nov. 25

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Garner, Iowa, Dec 2 '91.

Dr. N. G. Clark
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your favor of Nov. 27 just received.

We shall plan in accordance with your directions to stop at present either in El Paso or Juarez to help Mr. Wright. In your letter you say El Paso, and I do not know whether to regard it as a slip of the pen, or to think that you wrote thus advisedly. It might be advantageous for either Mr. Wright or myself to live in El Paso, even though the school is not yet removed to that side, and might save something in expenses. But I can not now give it as my

Beloit, Nov. 21, 1891

judgment that it would be better to do so.

For the interests of the whole work I am very anxious that some one be secured soon to settle permanently at Juarez, and am sorry that Mr. Broton could not be had.

The sum of $500.00 which I mentioned as perhaps the cost of moving our effects to Chihuahua, is not the result of any careful estimate, but is only a rough guess, and I hope is more than would be found necessary. I have taken all the pains possible to pack compact and to save expense. In Chicago for example everything was collected at one place and shipped in one consignment. The freights from Chicago to El Paso will probably not exceed $80.00, but judging from my own past experience, and

that of Mr. Wright. I estimated that the freight to El Paso would be less than a third of the total expense from Chicago to Cuidad Juarez. Duties are exorbitant, Mexican railroad freights are high, and wagon freights in the mountains are very excessive. If we stop at El Paso these great expenses will be saved for the present. I have taken pains to get half-fare railroad tickets for ourselves everywhere that we have been, and shall pack in such a way here, and in El Paso, as to get the largest number of goods possible through the customs house, under passenger manifest, which means a reduction of one third from regular duties.

I note what you say about too much bouyancy of manner and bearing, and will try to profit by it.

Rev. Otis C. Olds

Garner, Dec. 2, 1891

Recd Dec. 5

I cannot imagine, however, why
criticism should be made, and am
positive that both among the stude
in the Training School, and among the
people generally in the Parral field
where my work has been done,
I have had the full respect of all.

But since you wish it, I will try
to conduct myself so that no one
whatever, shall have any possible
occasion to think I merit criticism.

Many thanks for your kind wishes
for our happiness.

Yours Sincerely

Otis C. Olds

Rev. O. C. Olds.

C. Juarez, Mexico
Dec 13-1891

Dr. N. G. Clark
Boston, Mass.

Filed Jan. 5, 1892.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Olds and I reached here Monday the 14th inst. after a pleasant journey having spent Sunday in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our goods are most of them here and we shall soon be ready to begin housekeeping.

Before renting a house however, I have decided to make a flying visit to Cusi and other points in my field, just now I can go better than later for the

holliday vacation at the schoo
begins soon. This trip is necessa
in order to release a house wh
I have rented in Cusi, and to
attend to other matters of busin
as well as of religious work
in the field.
I have not yet had my goods
brought over from El Paso. hence
cannot yet report definitely
the expenses. It will be
better, I think, to leave this
report until I return from
my trip, when everything co
be reported together.

Yours Sincerely

Otis C. Olds.

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New West Ed. Com.
Chicago, Ill.

Address Letters to Box 452, El Paso, Texas.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

Jan 11. 1892.

Dr N. G. Clark. Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:

At last I am able to send my itemized bill of expenses. The delay was caused by my wishing to have my household goods left in El Paso until I could decide on a house to put them in here in Juarez. I have now decided and expect to move in this week. While waiting I used two weeks and more to make a visit to my field, Cusi and vicinity, holding services and arranging affairs so as to save rents and other expenses to the mission in my absence.

In the bill I have included simply the necessary expenses in the traveling itself. There were a great many other expenses that I do not report. My expenses were, three from Cusi to Garner, Iowa, my wife's home, from Garner to Chicago, to purchase outfit, and from Chicago thro Garner to El Paso. My wife's

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expenses were simply those from her home to Chicago, and from there through San to El Paso. The freights and duties on my outfit have not yet been allowed me by the board, the bill reported by me Sept. 27 only applying to the small portion of the outfit already bought.

The $100.00 sent me Nov 27 by Thos. Ward deducted from the total bill. My salary has been paid through our Missouri treasurer with it I have been able to meet other expenses not reported. Kindly send me therefore the balance $163.52. For current expenses I have been obliged to draw this from our treasurer in advance of my salary. So please send at once that all may be straightened out by another month. We are both very well, and happy in our work. When we are fully settled we expect even greater satisfaction.

Yours respectfully

Otis C. Olds.

Received Jan. 18 1887

Missouri Pacific R.R. Co.
Treasurer's Office

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January 27 '92.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I would have written you before of my "holiday Cusi trip" if I had not been so busily occupied in moving &c. Now we are pretty nearly settled in a pleasant house, amid pleasant surroundings in Juarez. The settling has taken some time, for it has been done right in the midst of the regular and exacting duties of the church and school. In order to economize in the rent, we have divided the house with the Wrights, and shall keep house together.

I started upon this trip to Cusi immediately on arriving upon the fields. Mr. Birlew went with me, the young American who is studying in the Training School, and at the same time superintending the industrial work of the Mexican students, who, moreover, is at present in charge of a new Spanish work which the Home Missionary Society have started in El Paso. He speaks some Spanish, and so I found him of considerable help in the services. The short days made traveling difficult, so, although we left Chihuahua Friday morning, we did not get to Cusi until 10 o'clock Saturday evening. We had good services Sunday, and followed them up with meetings Monday and Tuesday nights. The attendance was small, for, several of the handful of brethren who still live there, had gone elsewhere in pursuit of work. I think, however, that soon there will be more people in Cusi, and if not more brethren, at least more material to work on, for, the large silver smelter, which was burnt just after Mr. Wright left there, is being rebuilt, and the report is,

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that within 5or 6 months, everything will be running again, which will mean the return of many who have left.

While in Cusi I stored what furniture I had there in a small room, and gave up the house I had, so that now, all that the mission is paying for rent in Cusi is $7.00 a month. We went on Wed: morning, and, after a cold ride, arrived at S an Ysidro about nine o'clock. There by means of considerable visiting, I succeeded in getting out a good audience for an Xmas exercise, for we were there Xmas eve. The brethren are feeling rather discouraged there, and this year are feeling quite poor, on account of a failure of crops last season. They think they can do nothing at present towards building a chapel. Guerrero close by, has got over her boom, which she was enjoying last summer, on account of the expected approach of a railroad. The R. R. Company have at last lost their concession, and now there is no immediate prospect of any railroad for that district.

While there I learned of a strange piece of fanaticism which had taken place 60 miles away on the road to Jesus Maria. A man and an old woman had presented themselves before the people of a small town, claiming to be Jesus Christ and the Virgin. The peoplebegan to believe in them and soon the whole town was running over with excitement. Men who were so inclined took occasion to steal and kill, until soldiers had to be sent in from Chihuahua. The false Christ gave the people an image, which he said would make of none effect the bullets of the soldiers. He was believed, and holding the image aloft, they persisted in defying the troops, until they were fired upon, when, seeing some of hi comrades fall, the image-bearer threw the image from him and took to flight. This belief had gained

Tucker —
Jan. 27 1898

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such a hold upon the people, that it was not until several men had been killed, and some time had elapsed, that the excitement subsided.

~~Thursday we started on for~~ Friday the ranch and saw-mill of El Refugio, a day and a half further. The meetings ~~there~~ especially that of Sunday night, were well attended. We have no church organization there yet, although, as a result of our meetings last summer 11 were propounded for membership, when a church should be organized. Nearly all of these had remained faithful, and 3 or 4 new ones were ready to hand in their names. The two owners and their wives, while on a visit to El Paso in November, were received as members of the Juarez church. ~~Th~~ This mill is an important point, for a great many from neighboring ranches are continually visiting it to buy lumber.

Our whole journey of 800 miles, 350 of which were by horse and buggy, was made in a little over two weeks, so that we were on hand again, when the school began the new term.

Now we have sent out a man, who was here as student and helper, to that region, to visit the different points, and to do what he can in the absence of a missionary to carry on the work.

There are 14 students at present in the school, all of whom seem to be men of exceedingly good spirit, and the most of them are very bright.

Mrs. Olds received your letter. She is quite well, although for ten days has been suffering with neuralgia. She sends regards.

Yours Respectfully,

Otis C. Olds

C. Fraser Jan 27/96.

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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

March 7, 1892.

Dr. N. G. Clark
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

I promised to write you something about our school here and the young men, and now will try to do so. Mr. Wright has been away for a few days, attending convention and Installation service in Albuquerque, and so, for most of the week I have been very busy indeed in school work. I am teaching in the school all the time, hearing classes in Universal History and Church History and in Bible study, but these classes are almost entirely composed of the younger students, while Mr. Wright's classes, which I have been hearing in his absence, are made up mostly of the students who were here last year. I was not only very much pleased to see what good, hard, work

these young men were doing, but also to see how much they had advanced since a year ago when I used to hear them in one or two of their studies. It is really a delight to teach such young men. They are hard students and are thoroughly interested in the work; and yet they never lose sight of that for which they are studying, and long for the time when they may go out into the active work. They watch with interest the movements of one of their number, who has gone out already, and as they have opportunity to do Christian work here in Juarez they engage in it heartily, showing true consecration. In one of my own classes, I am translating the Harper & Hakalie Outlines of Inductive Bible Study, and am finding it exceedingly valuable for the class.

Outside of my teaching work I have the charge of the church, and of the other mission station duties. Some time ago we opened services in a new part of the city, which is quite thickly settled, with considerable success. The meetings have been fairly attended, several new faces appearing. I have also been able to make an opening in the town of Zaragoza, 15 miles down the river, where with the help of

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one or two of the students. I hope to establish and maintain regular services. The work among the Mexican population of El Paso is just now in a flourishing condition. Last week a Council was called, and a Mexican Congregational Church organized. We have lost several members from the Juarez church by this action, but the action seems to be binding and I think will result in the building up of a strong church there.

In the Casi field I can report an encouraging state of affairs. One of our native helpers, who has been studying in the Training School this year, was asked to go down into that region, and do as much as possible toward carrying on the work while I was absent. He went on horse-back from here the last of January. First he visited El Valle de San Buenaventura, his old home, where we have a church that is left pretty much alone, although Mr. Eaton visits it once or twice a year, and where he was able to encourage

the brethren considerably. Then he passed on through Las C
and Naningipa, sowing the seed as he went, until he
reached El Refugio, an out station which I have visited
several times, and Mr. Wright once. There he found
that he had arrived just in time to aid the breth
in the opening of their new church building. This
point consists of a ranch and saw-mill owned by
Chas. Maynard, an Englishman, and Basilio Almenda
a Mexican. Through the efforts of the former, the latter
has been converted, and now, for some time, these men
have kept up Sabbath services for their men
and for any freighters or other visitors that might
be at the mill. Quite a Congregation has been built up
so that a church building seemed necessary, and acc
ingly the owners went to work and built one. It
cost them about $300.00 and has a capacity of a
120 persons. From the drawings and description, it seems
to have been very neatly built, and has all the
necessary appointments such as pulpit, railing,
organ and bell. It is the second Congregational
Church to be erected in the State and the third
the Republic. The building itself is preaching
the gospel, for the many who visit the mill

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from the neighboring ranches, are led to inquire what this new religion is, and are easily brought in attend a religious service. When our helper was there, he was especially fortunate in having a large number of freighters present.

He went from there to Cusi, two days ride, and sends very encouraging reports from there. One week he held eight services in private houses, with an attendance in one case of over 20. People were anxious to know as much as possible of the gospel, so that he was obliged one night to talk with them until midnight. This of course inspires the brethren in the church, and the work is being carried on with success.

The town itself, however still remains dull. They say that the large mines have not yet been re-opened, and people are continually leaving in order to find work. In January there seemed to be fair promise that the smelter would be re-built, but very little has been done as yet.

From this little experience that I have had this week in carrying on the Training School work, I can see what an awful burden it must have been for Mr. Wright when he was alone. Even if one did not preach or do any evangelistic work, the School is much more than one man ought to try to care for, and much more than it is possible for any man to do well alone, while on the other hand, there is plenty of room for a missionary to use all his time profitably in the regular station work at Ivaro. We have a large population here who as yet, practically untouched, are probably three or four times as many people here in Ivaro as in Ovitinachic.

Sincerely, Your Brother in the Work of the Gospel

Otis C. Olds.

Ovitinachic
Sept. 4th 1892

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April 14, 1892.

Dr. N. G. Clark.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

My attendance at our annual conference put me behind in my work here, so that I have not been able to find time to write you until now.

My special reason for writing is, to bring before you the importance of buying at once property in Cusihuiriachic, if it is possible. The mission, after hearing the report of a committee appointed to investigate the matter, voted unanimously that the Board be requested to grant $2,400, gold, for such a purpose. Dr. Webb, who was present, heard the reasons which made it especially desirable to buy now, and I think was convinced that it ought to be done if possible.

Property is now quite cheap in Cusihuiriachic. Since the great fire two years ago, people have been steadily leaving the town, rents have gone down to one-third of what they were, and on account of the hard times, some houses are offerred for sale at a very low price. Now, however, the tide is turning. The mining company, which was burnt out, has begun re-building, with the promise from the government to remit all taxes on their output of silver, provided that the machinery is ready for work again within a specified time. Work is now to be had, and people are coming back. It seems almost certain that within a few months at most, all property will be high again, and rents way up to where they were before, when the Wrights lived there. Mr. Wright had to pay $85.00 a month, for a small dwelling-house, and in order to get even that chance, had to wait until

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the house could be built.

Just now I have an offer of what seems to be ~~to be~~ the house in all Cusi, best fitted, and best situated, for our use, at an exceedingly low rate. The house is new, barely three years old, and two years ago, rented for ninety dollars a month. It cost, it is claimed, $6,000, and I do not see how it could have been built for less. It is of adobe of course, but has good tile-floors, and good windows and doors, quite an item where glass is so expensive. It also has an sheet iron roof, so ~~not~~ that there would never be any trouble of its leaking in the rainy season, as there is in the majority of Mexican houses. This property, besides having good rooms for a family, has a large room, well situated, that could be used for a school, and also two front rooms, that could be thrown together with little expense, to be used for a chapel. This property is now offerred us for $3,000 Mexican Silver, and the offer is to be held open until the first of June.

When a man can be secured to take my place in assisting Mr. Wright in the school and church work, then I can be spared to go to that Sierra field. If this property can be bought, the whole work there can be carried on at much greater advantage, than it could if we ~~are~~ were obliged to put up with such accommodations as we may rent. Then too it would be very advantageous from economical reasons. $40.00 a month would be a moderate estimate of the cost of renting a house and chapel-room, without the school, when Cusi gets back into her prosperous days again. Add to that $10.00 for a school-room, and we have $50.00, which would amount to $600.00 a year. A $3,000 outlay would save that expense, which, can be readily seen, is 20 per cent on the principal.

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A possible question that might arise, is, as to whether Cusi would be the permanent residence, of the family that worked the Sierra region. At present there could be no doubt but what Cusi should be made the center. There is some talk however of a railroad's being built, down from the States, to Guerrero, the point 60 miles west of Cusi. If it should be built, and should not be extended to Cusi, Guerrero eventually, would be the more important point. It may be said on the other hand, that this talk may amount to nothing. Railroads have been threatening that locality for a good while. Moreover, if a railroad were built, it might very likely touch Cusi: and even if it did not and it seemed desirable to remove to Guerrero, property would still be needed for church, school and residence of native helper in Cusi, or if desired, it could be sold.

Our school seems to be prospering in every way. I give about half a day, four days in the week, to hearing recitations, and preparing for them, and the rest of the time to the preaching and general missionary work of the station. This week we are holding services each night in a populous part of the city, with good results. We are earnestly working and praying for a blessing here in Juarez.

Yours Respectfully,

Otis C. Olds

C. Juarez, April 14, 1892
Recd April 21
P. C.

C. Juarez, Mexico.
P.O. El Paso, Texas
April 30 '92.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your favor of April 22nd is received.

It seems strange that you have not yet received reports of our Annual Meeting; but Case has had a good deal of sickness in his family since the Conference, and so I presume, has been unable to send his report in.

Yes, the matter of purchasing property in Juarez was brought before the mission, a committee appointed, and after careful consideration, the report was made that

C. Juarez, Mexico. April 14, 1892

in the judgment of the mission it wou
be wise and desirable to purchase at
once, and a unanimous vote was pas
requesting the Board to appropriate $2200
American Gold, for the purpose.

The mission did not definitely take an
action in reference to my going to Cus
It was voted that we urge the appointme
of another man to aid in the school an
missionary work here to enable Mrs.
Olds and myself to go to Cusi as soo
as possible, and the general understan
ing seemed to be that we ought not
to go for permanent residence until such
help had come. Our plan, as you already
know, is to go early in June to spend
the summer there, and if you think it ad
visable on the whole that we should go plann
to stay, of course we are ready to do so.

In any case we ought to know as soon as possible, so as to be able to know whether we should take all our goods then or only what would be absolutely necessary for the summer.

We are having grand good meetings here in Juarez. Preaching nearly every night since Holy Week with several conversions and much interest.

Yours Respectfully

Otis C. Olds

Rec'd May 6th 1892
Ans'd

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May 6. 1892.

Dr N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark;

In your letter of the 27th ult. you write as if the mission thought best for Mrs Olds and myself to go to Cusi for permanent residence, while we ourselves were somewhat loth to leave Juarez. Now that you have received the minutes of our Annual Conference, it will be seen that the mission did not express any such opinion, either by vote or resolution, although their memorial to the Board with reference to the appointment of another man, showed that they considered it very important that Cusi should be manned. On the other hand we are entirely ready to go, and as soon as we are directed to do so, or as soon as it seems for the best interests of the whole work, we will go at once.

One word with regard to the work which I am doing

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here. I do not speak of it as an argument for our staying, but only to show that there is something to do here as well as there.

Two hours a day in school work does not sound like very much, but when it is of such a nature as to require more than two hours in addition, for preparing and transcribing the work each day, it will appear that it needs a good part of each half ~~a~~ day.

As I wrote a few days ago, we are having special meetings at present, so that my ~~time~~ time is very fully occupied. These ought to be kept up now, for the people are grossly ignorant and must have instruction, and indeed, for the best interests of the church they ought to be continued indefinitely. I have just been preparing my next week's bulletin for the press and will translate it here.

"Evangelical Services for the Week Commencing May 8th. 18[illegible]
El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Sunday School. Sunday at 10 A.M in the Church of the "Divino Salvador" C. Juarez.

Sunday School Sunday at 10. A.M in the new Chapel, El[illegible]

Y.P.S.C.E. Sunday at 2 P.M. in the new Chapel. El Paso.

Preaching Service, conducted by Rev. O. C. Olds. Sunday, 4 P.M. Ch[illegible] of the Divino Salvador

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Preaching Service with sermon by Rev. O. C. Olds Sunday, 7½ P.M. in the new Chapel near the Jefatura. C. Juarez.

Preaching Service, Sermon by Rev. A. C. Wright. Sunday 7½ P.M. in the new Chapel El Paso.

Y. P. S. C. E. (Regular weekly meeting) Monday, 7:30 P. M. in the new Chapel. C. Juarez

Woman's Prayer Meeting. Tuesday 4. P. M. New Chapel C. Juarez

Reading Room Open. Tuesday 7:30 P. M. Chapel in El Paso

Preaching Service Rev. O. C. Olds, Wednesday 7:30 P. M New Chapel. C. Juarez

Prayer Meeting. Thursday 7:30 P. M in both Chapels.

Convert's Meeting Friday 7:30 P. M. New Chapel. C. Juarez.

Reading Room Open Friday 7:30 P. M. Chapel in El Paso.

All are cordially invited to these services

Rev. O. C. Olds
Rev. A. C. Wright
Gordon Birlew "

These services not only give me something to do, but furnish practical work for most of the students, a very important part of a minister's training. Mr. Birlew has special charge of the El Paso work

though he himself is a student, and so some of the students work under him.

Some ten or twelve attend the converts' meeting and we hope to receive most of them into the church soon. It will be too bad if no one can be sent to direct them, and care for them the coming year. The Cuse field is important, but this work is hardly less important, not only on account of the large number of people here, but also because of the advantage to the students to see and do practical work.

If the man that we need were forthcoming the question would be easy of solution. Perhaps you can advise us as to it is. It may be other members of the mission have written you, so that, though nothing came to light in the Conference, you may know that some have decided opinions on the subject. Do not think that we are unwilling to go, for I think I can say that if it were a matter of pure preference, inasmuch as our stay here could only be temporary at best, we would have gone before this.

Yours very truly

Otis C. Olds

Mr. O C Olds

Next week will be the last of our school. We would be under great expense if we should repeat every expense to him later.

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May 17, 1892.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your letter of the 7th inst. is at hand. The news that it brings is very pleasing indeed. I am thankful to God, to the friends and contributors of the Board, and to yourself and the Prudential Committee for this action. There can be no question that it will prove of great advantage to the work in Cusi, as well as in all the Sierra region: besides it will result in the saving of considerable expense to the Board. I hardly need to mention the fact that it will be very much pleasanter for the missionaries of that station to feel that they have a home, instead of being obliged to rent, and move from place to place.

I have already taken steps to have our mission appoint some one to go with me to Cusi, as soon as this school closes, to look at the property, and so share with me the responsibility of deciding, and making the purchase.

In accordance with your directions, Mrs. Olds and I will go early in June to Cusi, with the plan of remaining on the field. This of course will involve some expense. We haven't many belongings, but what we have will cost considerable to have taken to Cusi. The freight, by rail, from here to Chihuahua is about 50 cents a hundred, and from there to Cusi, 90 miles by wagon, about $1.50 a hundred. In addition to this the duties will have to be paid in order to let the goods go down into the country. One might think that to go from Juarez to Cusi would

I will send every expense to him later, of course will report every week will be the last of our school and then I shall begin packing at once.

Yours respectfully,
Otis C. Olds.

Ciudad Juarez,
May 19. 1892.

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not involve the payment of duties, but such is not the case, although both places are in Mexico. The explanation is this: Everything going into Mexico has to pay duties, with a few exceptions, but here on the frontier, there is a strip a few miles wide, called the free zone, which pays but 10 per cent. of the duties required for the interior. These duties are so high, that even to pay this 10 per cent. cost us over $50.00 when we came. To pay the same rate therefore, would cost $500.00 less the $50.00 already paid: however, on account of our going down to live, we are entitled to a discount, and to a further discount on account of the goods having been used, perhaps, altogether a discount of 40 or 50 per cent. I think, therfore that we may be able to get through with $250.00: gold. Of course I shall make the expenses less if possible. For instance, I plan to receive the goods myself in Chihuahua, and see to their being loaded for Cusi, instead of employing a high-priced agent to be responsible for them, as is usually done. To make that procedure safe I shall send one of our students, who is to spend the summer in Cusi, with the freighters, to look after the goods.

C. Juarez, May 17, 1892

Recd May 25

# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico.

Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, Mexico.

August 12, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

With all the distractions of moving and settling, as well as of the work of making repairs on the property recently acquired here by the Board, I have had my hands unusually full. Mrs. Olds and I have now been here about two months, and have been living in our new home five weeks. Most of this time I have been hobbling about on crutches, on account of a sprained ankle, but at last I can walk again. We have both been very well, and are very happy.

The work here is in a prosperous condition. The last Sabbath of June, we received 8 to membership, and now have 17 others on probation, whom we hope to receive the last of September. These converts are largely the fruit of work begun by the Wrights, and perhaps in part also by myself, and carried on by the brethren themselves. Credit must also be given to our native helper, Espiracio Madrid, who has been here since February, and has done much to supplement the labors of the brethren, and to stregthen the purpose of the new converts. One girl declared her purpose to unite with the church, when I was here in December. She was then opposed by father and mother, sisters and brother: but such was her love for the Master and her zeal in the new life that little by little she was able to undermine the Roman superstitions and idolatries of her family, and put in their place an intelligent love for Christ, so that six adult members of that family are among the number to be received at our next communion. Before her conversion.

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she was one of the leading singers of the mass here in the Roman Church, and very soon came to be the leader among the brethren here. Not content to work only in her own family, she induced her father to take her to some ranches, 50 miles or so from here, where they have many relatives, that she might tell them them the good news of the gospel. This she did with such success, that our colporteur, who has recently passed through that region, says that most of the people have thrown away their images, have left off the worship of the saints, and in several houses are reading the Bible. This girl's name is Jesusita Escorsa, and I daresay that you will have cause to hear of her agin. She has now gone to attend the girl's normal school in Chihuahua. We hope that she may be fitted to do grand work as a teacher.

In San Isidro, 50 miles west, the brethren are feeling somewhat encouraged, for Epitacio Madrid has been working there since we reached here. Last week Mrs. Olds and I drove to San Isidro, and Sunday we celebrated the Lord's Supper, with a large number present. José Ibañez, the student who was licensed to preach at our last Conference in Chihuahua, is working up and down a river, with headquarters at El Refugio, about 80 miles to the northwest. He returns to Juarez for another year in school, as does also Epitacio Madrid at the close of this month.

On account of the low price of silver, the $2200.00, appropriated for the purchase of property in Cusi, although we had to pay $3000, Mexican silver, amounted to enough to leave us over $100 for repairs. This sum I have used as economically as possible, in buying lumber, in painting and in whitewashing and also in plastering outside walls that were being worn away by the action of the weather. Most of the painting, and a good deal of the other work I have done myself. A student from Juarez, who learned carpentering in connection with his studies has done our carpenter work. We have been occupying the new chapel about a month. It is large and pleasant. The warehouse seems admirably adapted to our needs. We are full of gratitude for this home and for the encouragements here. Mrs. Olds joins me in kind regards

Otis C. Olds

Rev. O. C. Olds.
Chihuahua, Mex. Aug. 12, 1892.
Rec'd Aug. 20, 1892.

San Isidro, Chihuahua, Mex
Oct 3. 1892.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Mrs. Olds and I are at this village, where we have been spending the Sabbath. The services were not very well attended, for 4 of the brethren with other freinds were away on important business, trying to make peace between little village up in the mountains which is in revolution, and the government. It is a self-imposed errand and the brethren are on, yet nevertheless, the authorities at Guerrero as well as the whole force of 800 soldiers, which has been ordered here to put down the revolution, are waiting the outcome of their journey, in hopes that terms may be agreed upon which will render unnecessary further fighting. We are quite proud of the brethren who are leading in this movement, and if they are successful, the eyes of all in this part of the state will be turned toward the protestant peacemakers.

We plan to start on tomorrow to visit the handful of believers in El Refugio, 50 miles or so to the north. At Cusihuiriachic the brethren were very happy over the result of the council held Sept. 24. Six churches

were invited to be present. Three United States churches, the home churches of which Mrs. Olds, Mrs Eaton and myself are members, and three native churches. The native churches, with the exception of the Chihuahua church which was represented by her pastor, failed to respond, so that but four of the churches were represented. The business of the council was carried out in due form, and on Sunday public services were held appropriate to the organization and recognition of the new church. Mr. Eaton gave the right hand of fellowship to Mrs. Eaton, the address to the church while the reading of the Articles of Faith and Covenant fell to me. In the evening we had the reception of new members and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The evening service was very largely attended. Printed invitations had been sent out to the leading families of the place, and as a result nearly all of these families were represented at the service, and in some cases the whole family was present. It was without doubt, with the exception of some stereoptican exhibitions a few years ago, the largest attended protestant service ever held in Cusi. It was a fresh proof of the liberal and friendly spirit which prevails there, so different from what one meets ~~with~~ in other parts of our field. Our chapel was more than filled to overflowing, for I was told that over fifty were standing in the street at doors and windows, listening respectfully, and with hats off to all that was going on. Nine were received on confession, six being heads of families. The new church therefore starts out with 16, who took letters from Chihuahua and 9 who joined on confession. All seemed very enthusiastic

and we have great reason to hope that the work will now move forward rapidly. One of our members is doing good work as a colporteur of the Bible Society. Has been off in the mountains in the rich mining region of Jesus Maria and has sold a large number of Bibles and Testaments. He reports several families as interested in the truth, and several as desirous already of being baptized and received into the Christian Church. Oh, that it were possible for a missionary to be sent there at once! The place is four days horseback riding from this point, and cannot be reached by any vehicle. When Mr. Wright was in Cusi he knew of the interest there, but was never able to make the trip. Perhaps I shall be more fortunate, and yet, at best, I could only spend a few days there while they need a regular pastor.

I have been very busy the last month in trying to relieve some of the want and suffering in Cusi occasioned by the famine and hard times. Mr. Case's appeal which you sent to the Advance met with some response, and $38.00 was sent to me by the Treasurer, Mr. Ealon, which, with some money contributed by personal friends, we have been trying to use as advantageously as possible among the poor people. Our plan has been to use the money in purchasing corn in Chihuahua, to sell again at a reduction, at different

prices according to the need of each individual case. Thus we have been able to help some 40 of the most destitute families, not pauperizing them, but enabling them to buy their daily food, of corn tortillas and corn atole, for much less than they could buy it anywhere else. The money is now gone, and still there is no work and no new corn. However, cheaper corn will probably come in in the course of the month, and we hope work will begin before very long.

The effect of this corn distribution has been quite helpful to our work, for people have largely lost the fear of us, even among the most ignorant and bigoted, and are beginning to regard us as friendly.

On the whole therefore, we have much reason to feel encouraged in our work and to thank God for the way he is opening doors before us.

Yours respectfully

Otis C. Olds

Sidero, Oct. 3, 1892.

Rec'd Oct. 12.

# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico,

Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Dec. 30 '92.

Dr. N. G. Clark

Dear Sir:

Although too much occupied with accounts and reports of the closing year, and with preparations for the approaching Conference to write a long letter, still I would like to tell you some of the encouraging features of our work.

There is nothing being done yet in the silver business and therefore the town continues dull, so that many have been obliged to leave in pursuit of work. From this cause 10 of our church members, and as many more believers, have left us since the first of October. Services on the whole are not as largely attended as formerly, still, for any special service, large numbers are ready to come in. We received a young man to membership last Sunday, whose experience is quite remarkable. Last September he came to our door asking if I wished to buy any lime. On being told that I did not, he said: "I have come 15 miles to ask you some questions about the gospel: a few weeks ago a friend of mine gave me a tract that he said you gave him, and it has interested me so much that I want to know more". I talked with him, and invited him to stay over Sunday so as to meet the brethren here. He stayed and was very much pleased. That was the beginning. He began to study the Bible and to read tracts and books, attending such services as he could here. He worked with his parents and with relatives and friends, until several believed, and this last week, when I visited the ranch, seven gave me their names as candidates to be received to the church, and all of them seem very much in earnest. More than that, the father of the young man has begun to work with his

Chihuahua, Oct. 3, 1892

friends in Carretas, a fair-sized town on the road to Chihuahua, in which we have never been able to get any foothold. Already the atmosphere seems different there, and with God's blessing we may hope for some converts.

A good work is opening up among the ranches of Mortero, only 5 miles from Cusi, where one of our best Christian families has recently gone to live. A service which I held recently in their house was attended by over 30 persons. A regular weekly woman's prayer-meeting has been started, and I hope to hold meetings more or less regularly myself.

In El Refugio, to the northwest, where Mrs. Olds and I were two weeks ago, we had good meetings. One lady came 27 miles to attend them, and another, both intelligent ladies of the upper class, 15 miles. Some of the peons have been truly converted, though the main part, chiefly for lack of instruction, do not seem to have been changed. The work will probably have to be dropped there, for the proprietors of the saw-mill, are leaving the place, letting it pass into the hands of a fanatical Romanist, one who has done us more harm in that district than all others combined. The Christian proprietors, however, are going to Maniquipa, where they will be able to do much more Christian work than they could possibly do in El Refugio. One of them is bargaining, already, in that place, for an old Roman Church, planning to fit it up for Protestant services.

In San Isidro we had well-attended services on a week-day last week, not being able to give them a Sabbath. Nearly all the members of the church were present, morning and afternoon, and at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, several friends from outside attended. We have just opened work in Guerrero the city near San Isidro, of which I have written you. One of our deacons in the Cusi Church has gone there with his family. He is not a preacher, we have no preacher to send, but he is a good

man, and he knows his Bible. Besides, he has a great many relatives there, many of whom are open to the truth. He held his first service last Sunday, with an encouraging attendance. He is distributing a great many tracts, and is selling some books, and working for the Testigo and Faro.

You ask in your last letter about the sale of Bibles and books in my field. This is another encouraging feature of our work. It is nothing like what Brother Crawford is doing, for his colporteur, Mr. Blachly, is the best colporteur in the Republic, and besides, this same man, under Mr. Eaton's direction, has already worked this field, but, notwithstanding, we are doing considerable. I am just reporting for this quarter, sales of Scriptures $40.32, representing more than 130 books, and sales of other books $39.51, most of which are published by the American Tract Society.

Through the visits of my colporteur, interest has been awakened in a number of points, where I believe two or three good men could find opportunities for work, which would bring large returns. Notably among these is Jesus Maria, a mining town which you have doubtless heard something of before, from one or another of the missionaries. There are five or six earnest Christians there, not yet received to membership, most of whom have never attended a service, who desire very much to receive a visit from a missionary. Some time ago as many as 20 were reported as desirous of baptism. One of our brethren, who is now living there, is on intimate terms with the mayor and the principal men of the place, and says that all are liberal, and many would be glad to attend a Protestant service. The place is very hard to reach, away in the mountains, six days hard riding on horseback from here, and unapproachable by wagon. Of course I cannot work it, ~~as it should be worked~~, from here while I have so much to do in my own field. Still, I hope to visit the place as soon as possible, hoping that in the near future, a man may be sent there.

While I write, Mrs. Olds is conducting a woman's meeting. There are 20 or more present today, an unusual number. She would join me in kind regards were she here.

Yours truly,

Otis C. Olds

Rev. O. C. Olds
Mich. Co.
Dec 30, 1897

# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico,

Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, Mexico.

March 10, 1893.

Dr. N. J. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In my last letter I spoke of Jesus Maria, the difficulty of reaching the point, and my desire and purpose to visit it as soon as it could be brought about. Now, we are just about starting on a trip thither. Mrs. Olds is going with me, and also Florentino Pina our colporteur. We shall have to take blankets and food for the way, to be on the road six days. We take also a small stock of Bibles and evangelical books to sell. We plan to visit both Jesus Maria and Pinos Altos, another mining town, a day's ride to the north, and to spend a week in each place. Holy Week, which the Roman Catholics make a great deal of, more even than we do in the churches at home of the Week of Prayer, will probably be spent in Pinos Altos.

Since I last wrote you, the greatest event in our missionary year has taken place, our annual meeting.. And this was one of unusual interest. The dedication of the beautiful new church, and the subsequent public meetings,—the presence of all the ordained missionaries, as well as several of the ladies,—the cheering reports from the stations together with the opportunity to plan together for the future, and in addition, the attractive city and beautiful climate of Guadalajara, with all of its fruits and flowers,—made this conference one to be long remembered, and looked back upon with pleasure.

The most promising point of our field at present is Guerrero. Cristobal Gonzalez, our Cusi deacon, whom we sent there in December, is meeting with some success, and indeed,

the very fact of his being there, attracts attention and exerts an influence in our favor. He has distributed a great many tracts. He and his wife set out with a large supply of them, each Sunday, just as the Romanists are coming from Mass, and passing through the plaza, and the principal streets, present them to every one. These tracts are read, and so the people are prepared to hear and receive the Gospel. We have made two visits to Guerrero since the first of February, with well-attended services each time. At the first Sabbath evening service after the audience of 50 or more, who had listened closely to all that was said, had been dismissed, some young men came forward to ask me some questions. There was a little delay, before the discussion began, and meanwhile I was thinking as hard as I could to get my arguments against Romanism into shape, for I supposed of course that the discussion was to be along that line. When finally they were ready, their leader, a government surgeon, with 10 or a dozen fine-looking young men, took their places at the front of the room. The surgeon, whose home is in Chihuahua, had been in Guerrero ever since the Temochic Revolution, caring for the wounded soldiers. He was a well educated man, of pleasing address, who, during his stay had made great many friends, especially among the young men. His questions were on the Creation Story of the Bible, the possibility and probability of miracles, and immortality and human accountability. In short, he was a free-thinker. He showed himself to be well versed in all the skeptical arguments of the day. His points were clear-cut and well-made, and of course in perfect Spanish. He seemed a little surprised at my answers, for like most men of his class, he had never investigated but one side. The audience, too, listened intently, finding that what many of them had rejected as old wive's fables, was really worthy of their investigation and study. At eleven o'clock the debate was closed, and, although he declared that he had not been convinced, I was much gratified to find then, and in my talk with men on the following day, that many had been very much pleased with the arguments which I had presented. At our last visit, no further discussion was held, but the attendance was good. 8 have already been proposed for church-membership there. With God's blessing we hope soon to have a goodly number of believers in Guerrero. Mrs. Olds joins me in kind regards.

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# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico,

Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, Mexico.

April 19, 1893.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your letter of the 3th inst. reminds me that I have not written you since our return from the Jesus Maria trip two weeks ago, although last week in my Annual Report, sent to Mr. Case, I said considerable about the trip. It is true that letters are slow in reaching us, for yours is just received to-day.

By this mail I have also received a letter from Mrs. Eaton of Chihuahua, telling of their plan to start next Monday to the United States, on account of Mr. Eaton's poor health, and asking me to spend next Sunday in Chihuahua, and consider the plan of spending some time in Chihuahua, to carry on the work, at least until Mr. Wright can be at liberty to take it. We start in the morning therefore, but, whatever plan is agreed upon as to future action, shall probably be obliged to return here, at least for a few days. It is probably best that we should supply in Chihuahua as Mrs. Eaton suggests, though I dislike to be away from Cusi just at present for the following reason. A revolution has begun here in the western part of the State, as you have probably seen in Eastern papers, and the probability is, that they will soon be in Cusi, so that to protect property it seems to me rather important that I should be here. A battle was fought last Saturday a few miles from Guerrero in which, if accounts are to be trusted, 40 soldiers were killed and 40 wounded, leaving the revolutionists decidedly victorious. It is said that they have a force of 4000 men, though but few have

been collected at any one point. If the revolution succeeds, I believe it will be accomplished with but little bloodshed, still there is more or less robbing at such times, and we fear that our goods may be stolen, especially if I am not here to look after them. At the same time, there is more or less to be feared in Chihuahua as well, for that will be the objective point of the war, and if Mr. Eaton is away perhaps my presence will be as important there as here. At all events our outlying station work is pretty effectually interrupted just at present.

Our trip to the city Jesus Maria was well worth the effort and the time that it cost. Starting on Monday morning we traveled slowly and did not get through until Tuesday of the following week. We spent Sunday in the mining town of Lloquivo, the only town of any size between here and Jesus Maria, where we held a successful service in the house of one of the pricipal men of the place. He had bought a Bible of our colporteur a few months before, and so was open and friendly. We made several friends there, and convinced others that the protestants were not so utterly devilish as they had been taught to believe. In Jesus Maria which like Chihuahua, Parral, and Guerrero, is the head of a district, and a bustling active city, we commenced by inviting those whom we knew as believers, to the house of one of their number, where we were entertained, and for several evenings held services in a quiet way, with them and their friends. Meanwhile we were doing the best we could to find a large room for a public service. At first we were unsuccessful, for houses were small and every house occupied to its fullest capacity, at last the Superintendent of the large mining company operating there, offered me for Sunday Afternoon the large room, where the carpenters were fitting up for the company store. We immediately got out invitations, and at the appointed hour had the satisfaction of seeing more than a hundred in that room. Among them were some of the principal people of Jesus Maria, so

that character was given to the gathering. The Jefe Politico was there, and several members of the City Council. The Civil Judge and the leading lawyer of the place, with their wives and other members of their families. Our American friends also came out in good force, and many of them, although seeing the Spanish words for the first time, joined heartily in the singing of "Shall We Gather at the River", "Rock of Ages", "Sweet By and By", etc. The people seemed very much interested and satisfied, and several expressed themselves very kindly, afterwards. It was very interesting to notice the change in the behavior of the people whom we met on the street the next day. Before, there had been everywhere in the air a hostile coldness almost approaching persecution, and indeed, a stone was thrown against our door one night, while we were having service, but after that meeting the atmosphere was changed, and we were treated with respect and friendliness. One day we went out to a village 4 or 5 miles distant, where we found alittle company of 6 Christians, some of whom had received the truth in Cusi and some others had learned it from them. 20 were soon gotten together for a service there. We did not visit Pinos Altos, near by, where there are afew other believers, but hurried away so as to reach Guerrero in time for Easter Sabbath. We plan to send a student to that region this summer, and so were very glad to be able to look over the ground before he goes. However, there is little doubt in our minds that a missionary family should be sent there as soon as the Board can send one, and that, in spite of the fact that living and rents etc. will be very expensive.

This is surely a great work and new doors are opening constantly. We ~~surely~~ need God's help and blessing.

Yours truly,

Otis C. Olds

Rec'd Apr. 27.

Chihuahua, Mexico
May 3. 1893.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

I hasten to follow up
y last letter with later news. The "revolution", which
reatened to be so serious, is practically over. The government
as quick to act and showed itself so determined to crush the
ovement, that the majority who were reported as against the
vernment did not openly revolt. Several hundred troops were
mediately sent to Guerrero, and without delay they attacked
non Amaya and the force he had collected. Their Temochic experience
last fall had taught the government not to under-rate their
onents, nor give them too much time to concentrate. The revolution-
were soon forced to seek shelter, and after a ten days siege, they
e dislodged with the aid of cannon, and soon overpowered,
few who survived escaping to the mountains. It is im-
ssible to ascertain how great the loss is in killed and
unded on the part of the government. Indeed, here in
exico it is impossible to get at the exact truth on any
these subjects, especially where it is for the interests of the
overnment to suppress a part of it. At all events, this danger
believed to be over for the present, and some of the troops are
lf-way back on their return to Chihuahua. When the next
volution" will occur, it is hard to conjecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton left on the 25-th ult. going to his father's

home. Since then I have been to Cusihuiriachic and back and completed plans for a month's absence. What shall be done for June is not yet decided, but we hope to be able to return to Cusi, perhaps leaving Chihuahua to be supplied by Mr. Wright or by me from there. There is still no work in Cusi and people are leaving even more rapidly than they have done before. Cusi itself therefore does not need so much our personal attention; it is the outstations that will suffer if left long alone.

Yours truly.

Otis C. Olds

Chihuahua, May 5. 93

Rec'd May 9.

Chihuahua, Mexico
May 16. 1893

Rev. N. G. Clark. D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark.

At last the time has come when we can say that we have found our teacher, and when we can ask for her immediate assignment to our station. She is already under appointment and has served 8 years as a missionary teacher in Turkey. I refer to Miss Mary P. Wright, who is at present visiting with us, and has finally concluded that she would like to join us in our work.

At our Conference held a year ago in Chihuahua Mrs. Olds and I presented the subject of an American lady teacher for Cusihuiriachic. At the time, there was no girls' school in the place, nor is there at present, either public or private, and many requests had come to me to open one. The Mission recognized the need, but inasmuch as we ourselves had not yet gone to Cusihuiriachic to live, but were helping in the Training School at Juarez, it was thought best

to postpone the matter for that time, especially since we had no lady in mind, and so no action was taken. On going to Cusi, we found the need of a school so great, and apparently so necessary for the success of our work, that we tried to arrange to open a school with one of the girls from the Home School in Chihuahua as teacher, but none could be found ready for the work, and we were obliged to wait. At our Conference in January the subject was again brought before the Mission, and it was voted "that we endorse the application for an American lady teacher to be sent to Cusihuiriachic as soon as practicable." We could make no application at the time for we knew of no one willing to come, and we had learned from the experience of other brethren of the Mission that an application would be useless unless we could name our teacher. Now, we have found her, and are perfectly satisfied that she is the teacher we want. But you need no word of praise in her behalf; you know her even better than you know us. I dare say that your only thought will be that she is too good for frontier work in Mexico. So she is, but at the same time there is room for the very be

in the frontier work of Mexico. We want a school in Cusi. Three of our Cusi girls are already here in the Chihuahua school, and at least 4 more are anxious to come, all whom would be benefitted by a school established here. Although many have moved away from Cusi, and are still going, there are girls enough to make a good school, and as there is scarcely any prejudice against us there, almost all would be glad to attend. We need a school also in Guerrero. That city has no girl's school either, although the place is of good age and is growing rapidly. It is not a mining town and does not depend for its growth on any one mine, but is the gateway for supplies to all the principal mining towns of the Sierra, and could only be hurt in case that all should fail. Again, we have a promising outlook in Namiquipa and in other points. If Miss Wright is sent to us, she may begin in one of these points, get a school in good running order, put it in the hands of a native teacher, and give her attention to another point, and so on. Teachers are being sent out from Chihuahua every year, and in some such a way as this, their work may be directed and made to tell. Besides the schoolwork it seems to us that there is a wide opening in still another direction. In the young Mission of

Mexico. Nothing has yet been done toward training women for evangelistic work for women. Miss W will be able to advise and perhaps take the initiati in such work. Her experience in Turkey will be esp ly useful to her in this.

Her transfer from the Turkey Mission to the Mexic will not be attended with great expense of time On account of her visit to her brother in El Pas and of the few weeks she has spent with us, she may be said already to speak Spanish. She ha been studying the language, partly for her own amus ment, partly because she thought she might be led to enter the work here, and has made remarkab progress. She understands nearly everything already, and would be able to open a school almost immediat on reaching the field.

The fact that she desires to enter the work here ought to go a great ways towards deciding the question of her transfer. Her health was not good in Turkey. She knows her own strength, and what she can endure. She has now seen the field, become ac quainted with some of the people, and understands what will be demanded of a teacher here. She desires to d as much as possible for the cause of the Master. After considering the whole question she decides to come-

A word with regard to our work here in Chihuahua. Our congregations are good ranging from 60 or 70 to over a hundred. We have resumed the Sabbath afternoon services in English, which Mr. Eaton had been obliged to give up on account of poor health. I am enjoying the opportunity for study which this stay in Chihuahua affords me, for when touring about the country around Cusi, there is little time for study. Mrs. Olds and I are improving the time also to take a few lessons of a good teacher in Spanish. We hope next month to make a trip to Cusi and Guerrero, arranging with Messrs. Case and Wright to supply Chihuahua during our absence.

Yours respectfully

Otis C. Olds.

Chicago, May 16, 73

Recd May 23.

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# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico,

Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, Mexico.

June 8, 1893.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your favor of the 24th received just as we were leaving Chihuahua. I need not say that it was a great disappointment to us all to hear that the Committee did not think best to give us Miss Wright. Several statements of your letter lead me to believe that you must be mis--informed with regard to some points. For instance, I think Mr. Crawford has had an American teacher for nearly a year now and surely cannot be expecting any one else. Again, an American teacher here would not involve additional expense for school building, not even a dollar. There is plnty of room admirably adapted for the school, in the property now belonging to the Board, which, since its purchase, has been lying vacant, waiting until the school could be started. The salary, which I suppose would amount to nearly $500. (gold) would be an extra expense, it is true, and on that account, the Board are obliged to hesitate. I think I can understand how it is as hard, and perhaps harder, for you who are in authority to be obliged to refuse, as for us to be disappointed.

~~First, hoping you will not think disrespectful~~

I hope you will not regard as disrespectful these replies which I have made to your letter. My only object in making ~~the~~ them, is to show that we were not unmindful of the need of careful economy on the part of the American Board at this crisis, even when we were making request for a teacher. I do not seek to re-open the question but cheerfully accept the decision.

Mrs. Olds and I are planning to start to-morrow for Nani--

Quipa and Guerrero. The trip will take about two weeks.

I must not close without stating that work started up again here in Cusi this week. It is on a small scale, to be sure, only 20 men at present, but it will prevent further moving away at present, and it is said that work on a large scale may be expected before long.

Many thanks for your kind messages to us. Mrs. Olds sends regards.

Yours Respectfully,

Otis C. Olds.

Chihuahua, June 8, 1893

Recd June 15

# Mission of the American Board to Northern Mexico.

~~Cosihuiriachic~~. Chihuahua. Mexico.
July 10 1893

Dr. N. G. Clark
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your favor of the
[illegible]th all received today. and I note what you say about
[illegible] possibility of my being called to assist Mr. Wright again
[illegible] coming year. I do not regard the move as ordered yet.
[illegible] suppose that you are waiting to know the vote of the Mission
[illegible] the transfer proposed by the Board of Visitors of the Training
[illegible]ol before taking decided action. I merely wish to state
[illegible] that I am entirely at the disposition of the Board and Mission.
[illegible] will try to do willingly and to the best of my ability
[illegible]ever I am asked to do. If the brethren think best to send
[illegible] to Guadalajara, while recognizing the heavy responsibilities
[illegible] my own inexperience I am willing to go. On the other hand,
[illegible] the Board wish me to go to El Paso temporarily, I will go,
[illegible]d when the question comes up again a year from ~~yes~~ now,
[illegible]ll be ready for any other move that seems wise.

We are working along in Chihuahua filling Mr. & Mrs. Eaton's
[illegible]ce as best we can. The heat has been rather exhausting
[illegible] past two weeks, but a recent rain has made it much more
[illegible]durable. We have decided that we ought to have August
[illegible]e for our own field, whether it be to say good-by and pack up,
[illegible] to arrange for a year's absence, or to go on with our
[illegible]rk again. I have written Mr. Eaton to that effect. If you think

however. we ought to stay until Mr. Eaton's return. we shall be gla
to do so. Cusi is still threatening to revive. Guerrero is
booming, and the opening there decidedly encouraging. A
student from the Training School left Guerrero for Jesus Ma
the 19th ult. while one of our graduates is located in Nanniguipa
These points are nearly 200 miles apart and yet are both parts of
my field with all that lies between. It is too early to report
work done by these students yet.

Hoping to be out of the uncertainty soon I am

Yours respectfully

Otis C. Ols

Chihuahua, July 10. '93

Rec'd July 17.

Chihuahua, Mexico
August 2, 1893.

Dr. N. G. Clark.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Clark:

We have been
nxiously awaiting the action of the Prudential Com-
ittee with regard to us, whether we are to be transferred
Guadalajara, to El Paso, or to Guerrero of our own field.
e had about made up our minds to go to Cusi and
uerrero, for Mr. Eaton and family are expected back next
eek, when the news of Mr. Case's trouble came, and the news that
e is going immediately to Chicago for advice and perhaps
eatment. Now we have decided to concede to his request
at we go to Parral to look after his work for a few
eks. There is no time to get word from you with
gard to this move, nor is there time for a vote in
e Mission, but if the circumstances justified our coming
re, where the two lady teachers and a native helper were left
the ground, much more do they seem to justify us
going to Parral, where there is no one at present but
r. Case and her children, and she unwell.
e are anxious to get back to our own field, and make
start at Guerrero, but this call cannot be neglected.
We plan to start for Parral next Tuesday, Aug. 8. Hoping to
r from you there if not before I am
Yours respectfully. Chas C. Olds.

Rev. Otis C. Olds

Chihuahua, Aug 2, 1893

Filed Aug 7

Otis C. Olds

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Parral. Mexico. Aug 12 '93.

Rev. N. G. Clark. D.D. Recd Aug. 19.

Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

We arrived here
esterday. having been delayed somewhat
the way on account of muddy roads
d swollen rivers. Mr. Case's absence
s happened just as we were leaving
ihuahua to return to our own field. but
our field had been left so long already
e decided to respond to his request
spend two or three weeks here before
ng to Cusi and Guerrero.

We have learned of the recent action
the Prudential Committee in changing
sers. Wright and Howland.

We can't help feeling that a mistake has been made, and we think it must be that you are not advised of all the facts in the c

We feel moved to say, although with due respect, that to us this m seems unjust. Isn't it unjus to Mr. Wright to remove him fro a place, for which he has shown himself signally adapted and where he has been successful? O the other hand isn't it unfair to Mr. Howland, to expect him to d all that Mr. Wright has been doi and carry the Testigo, work eno for one man in itself, besides?

Probably you have reasons that do not know of for the change

ut I don't think any one
as said or can say that Mr.
Wright has been a failure, and
et this move would imply it.
e has done and is doing good
ork and I have it as the opin-
n of two or three that know
oth men, that it is doubtful
Mr. Howland could do as well.
The change would result in
loss to the work in Guada-
jara. Though we are as well
ware as anyone that the
Wrights would do better in Guada-
jara than we could do. It would
sult in a loss to the Zeeligo, and
d ought ought not to be incurred
f it can be prevented. furthermore

It is an open question whether the Training School would ga or lose by the transfer.

The Prudential Committee decided differently from the Mission but bef hearing the Mission's vote on the question which was brought bef wse. and no one is complaining but in this new move they ha also gone contrary to the judge of the Mission, for this same plan wa thoroughly discussed at our late Co ence, and was lost, only being fa by the 4 who voted against the rem of Mr. Howland to be associated wit Mr. Wright in El Paso.

Would it not be possible t send a man at once to assist Mr Wright, and let the matter rest th

that is not possible imme-
iately we cannot see how
the case is helped any by
hanging the two men, and
xpect Mr. Howland to do so much.
I am a young member of
Mission and owe an apology
writing in this way, but
write because others may
prevented from doing so!
ssrs. Howland & Wright will
aturally feel delicate in the
matter. Mr Case is away and
able to write. Mr. Bissell
so far away that you cannot
ear from him for some time.

and the five ladies Misses Dunning Holcomb Prescott White and Haskins will probably keep silent.

Yours respectfully

Otis C. Olds,

Parral, Mexico
Sept. 4. 1893.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Sec. American Board
Boston.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your letters of the 7th + 19th of August received. The Cusi station and Parral station are so far apart that the work cannot be supervised by one man. To reach Cusi from Parral requires a ride of 10 hours by diligence, then by rail to Chihuahua, and 18 or 20 by diligence from Chihuahua to Cusi, involving an expense of $20. Still I do not know how much attention Mr Eaton will be able to give to the Cusi field. Altho' Cusi itself is growing poorer and smaller every day, Guerrero is "booming" and ought to be worked.

Mr. Case's return is still delayed, for he does not recover from the operation as rapidly as he had hoped to do, but he is expected in about two weeks, when they will immediately begin to sell their furniture and goods. If we are to stay here therefore, it will be necessary to bring on our goods at once from Cusihuiriachic. It will

cost something, (about $80 a ton) but the expense is unavoidable, for there is no sale for anything in Cusi, and unless we should sell, we would have no money with which to buy furniture elsewhere. In the meanwhile we are undergoing expense in hiring a man to guard the house in Cusi. Please authorize me therefore, as soon as possible, if you think it wise, to bring our goods. Even if our stay here is to be for only a year, I do not see how we can keep house without some furniture: still, if we were sure of returning to Cusi after a year, some things could be left there.

There are some trying things about the work in this field but I think with the Lord's help we may succeed. It is a large field, and one is continually perplexed to know how best to cover the three churches and other out-stations without making them feel neglected and discouraged.

With earnest prayers for the co-operation of all God's people in sustaining the work of the Board now especially in this trying time.

I am

Yours respectfully

Otis C. Olds

Transcribed Cusi Oct. 1.1.1.

Stations.

*Cosihuiriachic.*
*Guadalajara.*
*Hermosillo.*
*Chihuahua.*
*El Fuerte.*
*C. Juárez.*
*Parral.* — Missionary, Alden B. Case.
Outstations: Allende. Las Cuevas. Zaragoza.

MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Parral - Chihuahua Oct. 23, 1893.

Dr. N. G. Clark
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark

I arrived here Saturday from a rather extended trip to Cusi, Guerrero, Chihuahua and El Paso. Immediately after receiving your letter, authorizing me to bring from Cusi things necessary for our comfort here, Mrs. Olds and I started for Cusi, and were soon at work packing up. Chihuahua is so full at present that we concluded that it would not be best to bring on our furniture just at present, as it would be impossible to sell it, so it was left in the house at Cusi, either for the use of a missionary in Guerrero, whether ourselves or some other, or soon as the Sierra station can be manned again, or for sale when a market can be found. Messrs. Eaton and Wright agreed with me that this would be the wisest course to pursue. I succeeded in making very good terms with freighters. The whole expense that the Mission will be asked to bear, will probably not exceed $40. We expect the goods here today or tomorrow.

We found Cusi more abandoned than ever, with but 14 of the 38 members, which have been received to that church, there, and only 6 of them living in the town. We celebrated the Lord's Supper, and had a precious service

Stations.

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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Parral - Chihuahua

The brethren were sad at the thought of our leaving them, and several expressed their gratitude, both publicly and privately, for what the Mission had done for them. One poor old man, who was received at our last communion, bade us goodbye with tears rolling down his cheeks, saying that he never could thank us enough for the light and peace we had brought into his life, and that, but for us, he would have been eternally lost.

The opening in Guerrero is as encouraging as ever. There are 400 soldiers stationed there, who, with their officers, help to keep things lively. 6 of the Cusi brethren are now living in Guerrero, and others make Guerrero their headquarters. 14 have been proposed for membership, although a church has not been organized. 5 of these had been converted in Cusi, and others are all of one family. I hope to be able to make a trip later to receive them into the Church.

The San Isidro brethren were quite outspoken in their dissatisfaction at being left alone again. "First the Mission took away our Pastor from us," they said, "Then they called away Mr. Wright, and now you are going to leave us." Epitacio Madrid, a native helper met me by appointment in Guerrero, and brought news of encouraging progress in Namiquipa, where he is at work.[1] On returning from the Sierra to Chihuahua, I went to El Paso, in order to meet Mr. Case, and arrange some matters at the Parral station. He was joined there by his family, and went last week to California. I will write again soon of the work in Parral.

Yours respectfully

Chas C Olds

Parral. Oct. 23. 93

Rec'd Oct. 30.

Affairs at Cusé –
Expense of moving –

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Stations.

*Cosihuiriachic.*
*Guadalajara.*
*Hermosillo.*
*Chihuahua.*
*El Fuerte.*
*C. Juárez.*
*Parral.*

MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Missionary, Alden B. Case.

Outstations: Allende. Las Cuevas. Zaragoza.

Parral - Chihuahua

Jan. 19 '94.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Clark:

I have just returned from a three week's absence spent in making a rapid visit to different points of my former field in company with Mr. Wright. He generously offered to use his holiday vacation in this way, and, in spite of the cold and the urgent calls of the work behind, we decided to make the trip. We were met with a cordial welcome everywhere, and I think the visit did much to cheer and encourage the brethren, and to open the way still further for the carrying forward of Christian work. Oh that the Cusi field could again be manned! But Mr. Wright promised to write you some account of our experiences, and I must speak of other things.

The people in this field greatly miss Mr. Case, and find it hard to accustom themselves to his absence. They never fail to pray that his health may be restored, and that he may return to them speedily. May God grant their prayer! Several are moving away on account of a scarcity of work, but a few new ones are beginning to be interested, so that we are hopeful. Our congregations continue about the same, in spite of the influence of those who had fallen away, whose conduct was probably one of the causes of Mr. Case's ill-health. We can report the good news, however, that one of those families has come back, and is again quite faithful at the services. Our Christmas doings were attended by a number of friends, both the tree and the Christmas Service, so that our Chapel room was taxed to the utmost.

Parral, Oct. 25, 93

We are confidently looking forward for a blessing the coming week, which is our Week of Prayer. Several of the brethren are arranging their work, at some sacrifice, to be present at the meetings.

Our school is doing finely. I have been able to make room for a few girls, who have come from our Christian families in Las Cuevas, where we have no teacher at present, and in lieu of appropriation for their support, Miss Prescott has arranged for their fathers to bring in corn and beans and wood, ( 18 miles) she supplying what they may lack from funds placed in her hands for the purpose. Besides these 7 boarders, Miss Prescott has a day--school with 40 pupils, and has no matron or other assis-- tance except such help as one of the girls can give for two hours each day..

I have just come in to--day from Las Cuevas, where we had a good meeting last night attended by 50 persons. The new church building is greatly enjoyed by all, and is undoubtedly a great help to the cause. The work is rather discouraging there however, on account of the removals. In consequence of the drought and famine, not more than one fourth of the houses of the little village are occupied. Zaragoza is still suffering from the same cause, and at the same time, it is so distant from Parral, that I cannot visit it as often as I would like.

Respectfully yours.

Otis C. Olds.

Received Jan. 17 1900

Parral, Mexico

May 15, 1894.

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Rev. James L. Barton,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I send you the enclosed blanks, which I have filled out at your request. Perhaps Rev. and Mrs. I. B. Olse should be reported in these blanks as belonging to this Station, altho they are absent in the U. S. I have not reported them so, however, as it would give a false showing of strength to the Station, for if they were here, we would be in Cusi. I have given no report for the Cusi Station, tho perhaps that belongs to me to report as much as to any one. We have not lived on the field, (Cusi) since a year agolast April, and from the further fact, that the majority of the Cusi members have removed to other parts during the year, a report of that Station would be very unsatisfactory.

In the blanks which I send, some figures are only approximately correct, partly because of Mr. Olse's sudden departure early in the year, leaving but few data for his successor.

Hoping that they will be in a measure satisfactory, I am

Yours respectfully,

Otis C. Olds

Otis C. Olds, Parral, Mex.

Parral, May 15, 94,

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Missionary, Alden B. Case.

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Parral - Chihuahua

August 27 '04.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

I have not written you for some time for there seemed to be very little of interest connected with our work here.

I have just returned from a five day's trip to some ranches over the mountains, which I made in company with one of the theological students from our school in El Paso, who had been spending the summer with the Church in Zaragoza of this field. In Pietra Aluzre we found several families, members of the Parral and Las Cuevas Churches. They hold services among themselves every Sunday, and are not only keeping their own faith alive, but are influencing others in neighboring ranches. We reached there after a day and a half in the saddle, at dark, and immediately prepared to hold a service. We were confronted however with the difficulty that they had no candles. A boy was despatched to the nearest ranch, three miles away, to get some, and when he returned without ~~xxxx~~ having found any, we had to remind the brethren that candles were not so essential in a gospel service as in the Roman Church, and we soon had the people seated on the ground, in front of one of the houses, and by the flickering light of the burning pitch pine, we preached to them. The bright star-light showed the outlines of the mountains over our heads, on one side, and the wide expanse of plain on the ~~oth~~ other, and the stillness was only broken by the noise of the running water in the irrigating ditch, and the earnest words of my companion as he preached to them. We were grateful for the milk

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and tortillas, which were brought to us afterwards, altho we had eaten heartily of venison steak, back in the mountains, a few hours before. The next day, we visited a neighboring ranch, and were cordially received. This was rather more than we had expected, for two years before, a native helper, who had been stationed there, was driven away because of his atheistic teachings, and unchristian life. They talked with us freely about him, and say they had not liked him, and they said we are not Roman Catholics any more, nor are we Protestants, if Protestantism was what that man preached and lived. Still they were willing and glad to come together for a service, and listened eagerly to the pure and simple gospel.

By sunset we were back again at Piedra Blanca, and found the brethren ready for a service, this time with candles, which they had secured during the day. About 80 persons were present, all in fact that were in the ranch. The brethren are anxious to build a small chapel, to be used also for a school, not only for the benefit of their own ranch, but for others around. They assured us that a service held on Sunday, especially with the help of a little organ, would be attended by scores. There seemed to be very little fanaticism, such as is met with in so many other ranches, and nothing of the indifference that is so common in the larger towns.

In Parral the work goes along much as in a small Church: at home. We have no reason to feel discouraged, altho the Church does not grow as rapidly as one could desire in a mission field. Our Annual Church Meeting, held in July, was well attended, and gave us a new impulse. Several of our absent members sent letters, and some came from long distances, in order to attend. The sunrise consecration meeting was especially inspiring. Three adult members, representing three families, were

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received at the communion. Since then four others have been proposed as candidates. A series of meetings held week before last, with the help of the student before mentioned, were well-attended and encouraging. His work in Zaragoza has also been successful.

Our school is prospering, and is much more satisfactory this year, which has just commenced, because of the help of a native assistant. Mrs. Olds also, in addition to women's meetings, Bible work, &c. spends a part of each day teaching music, drawing, and other studies in the school, so that the heavy strain on Miss Prescott is somewhat lightened.

Abundant rains have fallen in this part of Mexico, which give promise of good crops. For years the crops have failed, and it is reallly conceded that if it had not been for the corn imported from the U. S., and the railroad which made such importation possible, thousands on the ranches would have perished of starvation these last two years. Now, therefore, all are rejoicing.

We shall be glad to welcome Mr. Wagner in Mexico, as soon as he shall arrive, and we hope and pray that the right man may soon be found, to fill the other vacancy, made in our ranks.

We hope also that your health may be improved, and that you may be spared many years yet to cheer and encourage your missionaries,

Yours truly,

Otis C. Olds

Chihuahua, Aug. 27. 74

Recd Sept. 4.

Ans'd

J. L. B.
1-5-95



RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St,
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. Dec. 31, '94

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am very grateful to you for your sympathy, and for the kind and helpful words of your letter of the 13th. It is a comfort to me to know that God never makes mistakes, and that whatever is sent to His children, whether blessing or affliction is from Him. Although He has taken all the brightness out of my life, I trust He will help me to serve Him still, and give me such sincerity in resignation that I may be kept from wishing her back.

My brother-in-law, Mr. Wright, responded immediately to my telegram on that fatal Sunday, and reached Parral in time to preach the funeral sermon the day after the burial. I came here with him, as soon as I could arrange to leave, in order to bring the little Laura, who was quite sick. Here she began to improve, and is now quite well. I shall leave her in my sister's care until I can take her to her grandparents in Iowa.

As the time for me to return to Parral approached, I shrank from the thought of being there entirely alone,

Philadelphia, Chicago, N.Y.

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El Paso, Texas.....

and so requested the Mission to allow Mr. Wagner to join me until the Annual Meeting in May. The brethren took action on the matter, and all having been heard from but one, decided to grant the request. I had hoped to meet Mr. Wagner in Jimenez, Wednesday of this week, but as it was deemed best to refer the matter to the Prudential Committee, he will not be able to come until next week or the week after. I shall not wait for him now, as many things are demanding my attention on my field, but shall start tomorrow.

My stay in my sister's home has been the source of much comfort to me, and I am thankful that I could be here.

Sincerely yours,

Otis C. Olds

El Paso, Dec. 31. 1894.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd 3-4-95



Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico

Feb. 12 '95.

Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I write you a few lines to give you an idea of the condition of the work at present at this station. It is an important field, and the work here, as probably in the other stations, makes more demands than the missionary can comply with. In the three churches and three other points, where work is being carried on in this field, there is no native helper, and no one to preach but the one missionary. If a class of students is sent out from the Training School this spring, perhaps one may be stationed in some part of this field.

In Zaragoza there is unusual interest now. Eight have been proposed as candidates for admission to the church, partly the result of a visit which Mr. Wagner and I made there last month. The brethren there have also taken hold of the matter of securing a desirable lot for a church-building. Such an one was offered for sale, and they have succeeded in raising the necessary amount for its purchase. With a little encouragement, they might build a small church soon. Although they are poor and few in numbers, they are in earnest. It is probable that a church would be instrumental in bringing in several new members.

The members of the Las Cuevas church are scattered in several different points. Wherever they are they form nuclei of other congregations. In Corral de Piedras for example, good audiences, considering that it is an hacienda, can always be secured, and we have just started a school there, with almost all the children of the place in attendance, they themselves

paying most of ~~her~~ the teacher's salary. La Piedra Alumbre is another point where some of our members are living, and where several others are much interested in the gospel. The last time I was there, about 75 came out to an evening meeting, about half of them coming from two to five miles, horseback, for the purpose. The meeting was prolonged until eleven o'clock at night, and still they wanted to hear more. I plan to go again this week for three or four days of meetings. This ranch is over the mountain range in Durango, and a long day's ride from Parral

Here in Parral the interest is about the same as usual, and the services faithfully attended. Our Sunday school has averaged 67 since the first of January. There are several young Christians, some of them members of the Society of Christian Endeavor, which we hope may soon be received into the church. We are just about to expel one man who has been a leading member, but has become an infidel, and has recently commenced selling liquors in his store. It is a very sad case, but we hope that the results of this treatment will be salutary to the church and community. Parral shows some fanaticism still, and sometimes the brethren get rather discouraged.

I am very thankful that I can have Mr. Wagner with me. We are keeping house together, doing our own cooking, and trying to make the best of the situation. We have brought in two young men, one from Zaragoza and the other from Corral de Piedras to live with us, and prepare themselves for entering the school in El Paso next fall, if it seem wise to send them. Two others, who live in town, come in in the afternoon, and are studying elementary branches with them under our direction. They seem to be fine young fellows. Miss Prescott keeps on bravely, with a larger school than ever, and lives with the four girls that she has taken as boarders. It was not thought wise for her to board with us, on account of the talk it would make, and we could not find a boarding-place for her, though she takes

her dinners out. It is hard for her to be so entirely alone, and some have advised her to give up and go elsewhere, but that would be a great blow to the work here and she is not willing to leave. The church-music and Sunday-school, as well as the day-school, would suffer greatly, if there were no lady-missionary here.

Mr. Wagnre seems to be making good progress in the Spanish. He plans to conduct a service alone next Sunday, while I am away at Piedra Alumbre. I do not know what the missionaries will advise with regard to my future. It maybe that it will seem wisest to them that I resign. In such case of course I shall do it willingly, and make room for some one else, but I do not like to think of it, for my heart is in the work here. May the Lord help me to know and do his will!

Yours truly,

Otis C. Olds.

Chihuahua, Feb. 12. 1895

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Parral, Mexico, April 15 ,'95.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I write you today to request leave of absence for three months, to begin after our Annual Meeting, the first of June. The Mission has already voted to endorse such an application. I wish to go at this time especially, in order to take my little girl, a little more than a year old, to her grandparents, who have never seen her, but wish to take her and care for her. She is in El Paso now, in my sister's home, but in the care of a Mexican nurse.

I shall probably spend most of the vacation at my mother's home in Beloit, Wisconsin, though if I can arrange it, I should like to attend the International Missionary Union in Clifton Springs. The Parral field will probably be looked after by Mr. Wagner, during my absence, unless the Mission station him elsewhere.

We have had some interesting meetings lately. The Annual Meeting of the Parral Church, the last of March, was well-attended, at all four sessions. Then last Wednesday, we began the meetings for Holy Week, and had good audiences, and valuable meetings, each night. On Thursday, six young men took part and conducted the meeting, and on Friday, six of the older men. Sunday morning, our consecration prayer-meeting, at daybreak was attended by 45 persons, and in the evening, at the Easter Exercise, there were over a hundred.

We were very much pained to hear of the death of Treasurer Ward.

Yours respectfully,

Otis C. Olds

Rev. [illegible]

Parral, April 16, 1895

J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-11-95
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Garner. Iowa June 8. 95.

Dr. Jas. L. Barton
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:

My little girl and I arrived here, at my wife's parents' home, day before yesterday, and received a most hearty welcome. She has already become acquainted with her grandparents, uncles and aunt, - and though they never can take her mother's place, they will do all that they can for her, and I trust will make her happy.

I plan to go on next week to my mother's home in Belort

Rev. O. C. Olds

and after a day or two,
to Clifton Springs.
I wish to ask your consent,
and through you, the approval
of the Prudential Committee, to
a plan which I have for
building a memorial church
in Parral in memory of my
departed wife. I spoke of it
at our Annual Meeting in El
Paso last week, and the plan
was most heartily endorsed,
the Mission voting that (in view
of the great need of a church
building in Parral, and believing
it most fitting and proper that
it take the nature of a memorial
to Mrs. Olds, we endorse Mr. Olds
in his application to the Board
to collect funds for this
object among personal
friends. Perhaps I have
changed the wording.

but that is the idea, and probably the Cor. Sec. of the Mission will send you the minutes soon.

It was Mr. Case's thought to build in Parral, and at the very time when he was taken sick, he had begun to write letters soliciting gifts for that object. The church has grown since his departure, and the people have continued making their offerings, until now they have about $400.00 silver. I think we ought to have a building there that could accommodate four or five hundred people, when desired, and that could probably be built for about $5000.00 silver, not including the site.

Mrs. Olds made friends of every one she met in Mexico, and I think a number in Chihuahua

and Parral, both Americans and Mexicans, would be interested in contributing to a church in memory of her.

Please let me know your thought and the decision of the Committee as soon as it can be obtained in Clifton Springs.

Yours respectfully

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-27-95
Ans'd

Beloit, Wis. July 25-95.

Rev. Jas. L. Barton D. D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I am back again in my mother's home, and now that the hurry and excitement of the big convention are over, I am more than ever grateful to you and Mrs. Barton for your kindness to me, and for the pleasant week which I enjoyed in your home. It would have been too bad if I had missed that Convention, and yet when I decided that I would be justified in incurring the necessary expense you stepped in and made all expense unnecessary.

It seems good to see the old

friends again. and all are sympathetic and full of interest in me. I spoke to the Clinton people last Sunday, where my church-membership is, and they wanted to take up a special collection right away. I explained to them why that could not be allowed. but they began bringing money to their pastor, and he has already passed over to me quite a sum for the Memorial Church. Iowa College has promised to help, and the class of '91 have appointed a committee and have set out to raise $300, perhaps more.

I speak here next Sunday, and at the following Sabbath Lake Geneva, but will try to interest people in the work of the Board, and not in the Parral Church.

Kind regards to Mrs. Barton and to Howard and Maud. Yours truly

Otis C. Olds

Rev. Otis C. Olds.

Beloit, July 25, '95.

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Congregational Churches in Chihuahua:

CHIHUAHUA, PARRAL,
C. JUAREZ, ZARAGOZA,
LAS CUEVAS, SAN ISIDRO,
CUSIHUIRIACHIC, SAN BUENAVENTURA

# Mexican Mission of the American Board.

PARRAL, MEXICO.

9-28-55

Sept. 21 '55.

Dr. Chas. H. Daniels,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I do not know whether Dr. Barton's correspondence should go to yourself or to Dr. Smith, but you will know what disposition to make of it.

I write to let you know something of the prospects of success of the Parral Memorial Church. I feel somewhat conscience smitten for not having written Dr. Barton before, during the summer, but every thing was so indefinite, and my success consisted so much more of expectation than realization, that there seemed to be nothing to write. Now the movement has advanced into something more substantial, so that, at least, we can look ahead. The results thus far are as follows: In the first place, the church here at Parral may be depended on, I think, including what they have already raised, for $700, Mexican money. About $800, gold, has been given and definitely pledged, chiefly by friends in Clinton and Beloit, Wisconsin, (my old home) and in Garner, Iowa, (Mrs. Olds' home). Iowa College, with the class of '51 in the lead, are making a splendid effort to raise $1000 with considerable prospect of succeeding. I am still trying to reach some friends by correspondence, and hope to receive enough to make up the $3000 before long.

Please send me 40 or 50 copies of Mr. Case's Sketch of Missions in Mexico.

I should like to be remembered to Mrs. Daniels and the children. I enjoyed very much the time which I was invited to spent in your home.

Yours truly,

Otis C. Olds

Rev. Otis C. Olds
Parral, Mexico.
Sept. 21. 1896.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-27-96
Ans'd

Parral. Mexico
Dec. 26 '95.

Dear Friend:

I have just returned from a missionary tour to Dolores, in the extreme southwest corner of the State of Chihuahua. The distance from Parral must be about 250 miles, for it took us seven days of hard riding to reach there, though we were in the saddle from early morning till dark each day. The Biole Colporter of this Station, went with me, and we took a supply of Bibles and religious books on a pack-mule for him to sell in adjoining towns after my return. He had been over the road several times, and I found him to be a pleasant traveling companion, as well as a great help in the meetings and conversations which were held.

It was a lonely road: after the first half-day, we passed houses but twice, until we reached Guadalupe y Calvo, within one days ride of Dolores. But what the country lacks in population, it makes up in scenery. The whole road lay over the mountains. Parral itself has an elevation of over 6000 feet, and Guadalupe must have three or four thousand more, for it is in the highest part of the Sierra Madre, and one of the coldest cities in the Republic. The mountains are more or less heavily wooded, in some places with pine that would be hard to equal even in Wisconsin.

We enjoyed keeping up the wood on the camp fire because the nights were long and cold but be only because wood is scarce in Parral We must have burned least five dollars' worth every night at Parral prices, but we left several million dollars worth for another time We could have made coffee and pan-cakes with less, but in the early morning, when we had to break the ice in order to get water, we were glad that we had kept up a good fire all night. The days were delightful: plenty warm enough with the Mexican sun and yet not too warm for comfort. The bright pleasant days repaid one for the discomfort and cold of the nights, just as the magnificent views from the mountain tops repaid for the long hard climbs up the zig zag trails. The clearness of the atmosphere makes the sky all the more blue, and the valleys and mountain peaks stretch away on every side for scores of miles to the horizon. It seemed as if all the world were mountains. Here and there a sharp precipice would stand out among the oak and pine, or a deep canon, with its rocky sides, would be seen cutting its way around among the mountains, showing in places the foaming torrent below. And when one descended into one of these canons, crossing and recrossing the stream, in his endeavor to find room to pass, or climbing up a few hundred feet, in order to get around some cascade, to look up at the perpendicular sides, broken and worn into buttresses and pillars and fantastic shapes, would fairly make one dizzy. The most wonderful view of all, perhaps, was that of the afternoon as we began to go down into the barranca though it cannot be described

of Dolores from the mountains near Guadalupe. The descent occupied six hours, but when we reached the bottom, we found ourselves in a different clime. Instead of the pine and oak, there were orange trees and bananas; instead of the little patches of small frozen corn such as we saw around Guadalupe, there were splendid fields of sugar cane. Limes and lemons, figs and guavas, coffee and a host of other plants and fruits with Mexican names abounded in tropical profusion. At this season of the year, however, the oranges were the fruit which attracted the attention first. The beautiful trees, loaded down with golden fruit, filled the streets and plaza as well as the gardens. This fruit, I was told, can be left on the trees for months without injury; and if left until the blossoms and new oranges appear, the old ones will turn green, and passing through the same stages as the others, will finally ripen again. The guavas were also in season, a fruit which can be found ripe on the trees for eight months of the year.

We received a most hearty welcome. In fact two of the brethren welcomed us two days before in Guadalupe where they met us, for we had been obliged to spend Sunday there, and now, escorting us to the house, where preparations had been made to receive us, they soon had a goodly number of believers assembled. These were presented to the "minister" one after another and after supper, a short service was held, in which almost all present took part in prayer. It was as striking a contrast to the boisterous meeting of the

day before, attended mostly by drunkards, which we had tried to hold in Guadalupe, as was the clean room with its two comfortable cot beds, to which we were taken for the night, a contrast to the camps in the mountains, where we had passed so many cold nights on the bare ground.

The next day the brethren came together early for service and it was then arranged that we should hold meetings every forenoon for the believers, and every evening for all who could be induced to come. Quite a list of those who had accepted the gospel and wished to become church-members, had been sent me previously at Parral, but this had to be cut down for various reasons. Several were absent in ranches and adjoining towns, and could not come: one, and one only, had lapsed into his old habits of intemperance. He was repentant, and solemnly promised to live right in future, but it seemed best to have him wait three months at least. Another could not be received, because he was living with a woman with whom he was not married, and when, after accepting the gospel, he had proposed to her that they marry, he found that it was impossible, for she was already married to a man whom she had not seen for years, and divorces are unknown in Mexico. He decided with her approval, that they should separate, and that he would take her to her father's house. He hopes to be baptized later. There were several children, brought forward by their parents, but with so little understanding of what they were doing, that it seemed best to have them wait also.

There were 10 however, who gave good evidence of having entered the Christian life. Accordingly they were baptized, and received as members of the Parish church. 13 others professed conversion, and were placed on probation for three months. But even these do not tell the whole story. Many others are reading the Bible, and thinking on this great question, and although drinking and dancing are still carried on among the Roman Catholics, and the latter is always accompanied by drunkenness, still there has been a great change, and fanaticism has almost entirely disappeared.

One year ago our colporter entered the town and sold the first Bible. Every one had been warned by the priest against these poisonous books, but one man reasoned that if the Bibles were bad he wanted to know why, and if good he wished to inform himself of their contents: so he bought a Bible, and every night could be found listening intently to the reading of it until a late hour. He was thoroughly converted, and his wife, who, for the first month or two, would have nothing to do with it, and would hurry her children through the prayers to their saints, and off to bed, lest they might be contaminated, also became interested, and now is a most spiritual, consecrated Christian. One of the children, a little girl 8 years old, seems to have become a Christian, and sings the gospel hymns so well, that the people call her their music-teacher.

Others bought Bibles, and in March an earnest request was made to me to send them a preacher. Before this the priest had commanded under penalty of "condenacion eterna" that all who had Bibles

should burn them. Some obeyed, but when another opportunity was offered, bought again, and the interest kept increasing. I succeeded in persuading a member of the Cusi church to go to them, although I told him plainly that the Mission could not send him for there were no funds to be used for his support. But he, as well as I, believed that where there was so much interest they would not let a preacher starve and so he went. His arrival awoke a good deal of curiosity, and many attended the services every night. Soon the reaction set in, and one day a drunken, fanatical mob, 100 strong, gathered principally from the ranches in sight of "San Juan" paraded the streets with gun and swords, threatening to kill all the "protestantes" and the enemies of the religion of their fathers. Through the influence of a few friendly citizens, however, the shedding of blood was prevented, and as the day was a time for taking sides either against or in favor of the protestants the disturbance was a help to the cause rather than otherwise. One man who, until then, had been one of the most unruly drunkards of the place, spending much of his time in prison, though one of the leading Romanists in his devotion to the saints, took the temperance pledge that day, and accepted Christ. Not only has he kept his pledge, but he is most active in Christian work, and has already brought others into the light. Now, no one can visit his ranch without hearing something of Christ. Other conversions, equally striking, took place.

Another occasion which was the turning point

for some was a meeting for the comparison of Bibles. In this country, the priest's principal argument for those who ask a reason for not reading the Bible, though the majority will obey the priest without troubling to ask why, is that the Protestant Bibles are false and full of lies and heresies. To meet this argument we always keep in stock a few Roman Catholic Bibles, translations from the Latin Vulgate, and tell people that we are not particular what Bible they read, as long as they read something. When the OTJ was raised in Dolores, our preacher succeeded in inducing a Roman Catholic woman, who was the daughter of a priest, (which fact, by the way, throws light on their interpretation of the doctrine of a celibate priesthood: they do not marry, but children of priests are found in every town) to lend him her father's Bible, which she had kept, since his death, wrapt up in a napkin. Word was immediately sent around that on that night, the Roman Catholic and Protestant Bibles would be publicly compared. The meeting was largely attended, and passages were read, first from one Bible and then from the other, until all were satisfied that the Bibles were practically the same. When her friends told her the result, returning her Bible, they said: "Look here, what your Bible says - 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image --- Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them.'" She would hardly believe her eyes, and finally said: "This is not a part of the Bible: this is a leaf which the protestants have put in here by witchcraft." and at last, in a passion, she tore out the offending leaf, and as

fast as other passages were read, bearing upon the errors and idolatries of the Roman Church, she tried to tear them out, until her Bible was as much cut up, as that which the higher critics would like to leave to us. But others had been convinced of the truth, and this same woman, the week that I was there, attended all the public services, and joined as well as she could in the singing of the gospel hymns.

All the brethren are remarkably consecrated and earnest. They are poor, but they have provided for their preacher's wants, and have promised to pay him a regular sum each month in addition to his board. So that the work is self-supporting. Two or three have made plans to spend a few weeks among ranches and towns where they have friends in order to tell them the good news. One has already gone to a distant town to convert with God's help, his brothers and sisters. After his own conversion he said "My father was a priest, my uncle was a priest, my brother is a priest, and I have had as good a chance as anyone to know the Roman Catholic religion, but I see now that it is all false, and that I have been deceived. As I am the oldest I am responsible for my brothers and sisters, and I must go and tell them the gospel."

Perhaps the letter may show you how the truth is organizing and the light entering. Pray with us that the Lord's work may be prospered in Mexico

Sincerely yours

Otis C. Olds

Rev. O C. Olds
Parral Dec 25/95

Also (by error in binding)

Otis C. Olds

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Mrs. Helen S. Olds

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PARRAL, MEXICO.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-27-96
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Jan. 20 '96

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Welcome back to America! I hoped you will not be swamped and broken down by the rush of work which now demands your attention. It was my privilege to be in El Paso the day Dr. Johnson passed through, on his way to visit his brother, and we had a pleasant visit. How we would have enjoyed seeing you, too, if you could have come that way.

The work in this field is moving steadily forward. Considerable money has come in for the Memorial Church, and considerable more is pledged, though I have been unable to secure any new contributions of any account by correspondence. Still, I hope to put up the walls at least this year, and if possible, complete the building. We have decided to build on the corner lot, bought by Mr. Case for the Board, for this purpose, in '92. The matter has been brought before the Building Committee and several others of the Mission, with the approval of all. It is a good location, although the front is partly obstructed by a room belonging to adjoining property. I have tried to get an offer on that property, which not only adjoins the lot on the corner, but extends to the residence property, in order to have room for the school. The best that the owner would do was to offer to sell for $2500. silver, but I do not consider the property worth over $2000. At the present rate of exchange that would be $1060. It is very likely that when we begin to build, the man will come down on his price. If he does, I shall bring the matter before the Mission at once, and on their approval, ask to have it presented to the Prudential Committee.

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The school has occupied the rooms on the church-site since its purchase, but they are not very well adapted for the purpose. On beginning to build, we shall be obliged to rent rooms for the school until suitable property can be bought. A glance at the correspondence which Mr. Case had with Dr. Clark, if it is still in existence, will show that the expectation then was, 1882, that property would be bought for the school, and that $2000 at least would be granted by the Board for that purpose.

I made an extensive trip in November and December to Dolores, some account of which I sent you under another cover. Do not spend time in reading it unless you choose: it is hektograph copy, and so cost me nothing to send it.

Miss Wright has returned to the States. Her health was not very good here, and besides the ladies of the W. B. M. I. needed her in Chicago. For the present, I have arranged with a young couple of Americans to live in the house, and take Miss Prescott and me to board. I do not know how long the arrangement may continue.

We are planning for a conference of the churches of southern Chihuahua, Parral field, to be held here the middle of next month. Considerable interest has already been aroused and we expect a good attendance.

With kind regards to yourself and any inquiring friends,

Sincerely yours,

Otis C. Olds.

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9-16-96

Sept. 5 '96

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I wish to tell you something about a wonderful meeting which we have just held. In February this Conference was organized at a meeting in Parral, and now we have just held the second convention. This Conference of the Congregational Churches and congregations of southern Chihuahua took place Sept. 4-7 in Las Cuevas. Although a small village, and 15 miles away from Parral, near the State-line, the attendance was good, 47 persons being present from points outside, representing 5 more different congregations. They went in carts and on burros, horseback and afoot, two men having come over the mountains about 200 miles. All were received hospitably, though in many cases, the guests as well as their hosts, slept on the bare floor, and were feasted on tortillas and beans.

On our coming together the first evening in the commodious chapel, built by this church through the efforts of Mr. Case, formerly missionary in this field, we were cordially welcomed by the teacher of the boys' school of the town, and responses were made by representatives of the different congregations. From the first session to the last the attendance was good and the interest intense. The great feature of the Conference was the part taken by the young men from the El Paso Training School. Seven of these were present, three of them in charge of churches in the district, and four, in this field for vacation, though still pursuing their studies. All of these, from the young man who moderated the Convention, to the youngest of the students, took an active part, manifesting

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enthusiasm in the work and consecration to the Master. They were at home with the language, and understood their own people, so that with the training which they had received, intellectual and spiritual, they could instruct and convince and inspire, as Americans could not have done. And they made the most of their advantages. Of course they needed direction and control, but they were willing to be guided, so that the part of the Missionary was comparatively easy: and surely these young men were led of the Holy Spirit, and at times most manifestly. No one present could help realizing as he listened to one after another, the importance of the work being done by our Training School, and the necessity of its being sustained and enlarged as much as possible.

We all received a blessing, and were brought nearer to Christ. The lukewarm members of the Las Cuevas Church, and even some of the back sliders, of which there are a few, were quickened and reclaimed to active Christian living. Over 175 persons were present on Saturday evening, many of them listening to the Words of Life for the first time. Such a congregation had never before been gathered in Las Cuevas: and indeed superstition and fanaticism would have made such a thing impossible a few years ago. But now, instead of interruption and insult, there was respectful and earnest attention.

The sunrise prayermeetings were helpful and inspiring. The hour proved all too short for the scores who wished to take part at each meeting, and this in spite of the fact that each morning session ~~[illegible]~~ was opened with a season of prayer. Then, too, the Mexican brethren all sing, and sing with the whole soul. With the young men who have studied music in El Paso in the lead, the music was grand and uplifting. Several male quartets also added to the interest.

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The closing session was devoted to the Societies of Christian Endeavor, of which seven were represented. The last speaker in behalf of the Society 300 miles away, speaking on the subject of true consecration, fanned into a flame the enthusiasm which had been kindling, so that almost all present made solemn renewal of their vows of consecration to Christ. Some took occasion to confess Him as their Savior for the first time. Many were moved to tears when two brethren who we all knew had been at enmity with each other for months, arose, embraced in the Mexican way, and shook hands before us all as a pledge of forgiveness and love. Then a brother moved a resolution of sympathy with the secretary of the Convention, who had recently lost his wife, and, amid tears and sobs, prayers were offered for him and for the four motherless children, on every side, followed by the subdued singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds". "God be with You till we Meet Again" closed the Convention.

Yours respectfully,

Otis C. Olds

Parral, Sep. 9. 1896.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 10-27-96
Ans'd

Oct. 15 '96

Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Although we realize fully the straitened circumstances of the Board, and know that hard times exist everywhere, we have no recourse but to make known our need of a school building in Parral, and plead for help. Our church is rapidly nearing completion, but since that is being built on the site of the old house fornerly occupied by our school, we have been obliged this summer to rent for school purposes. No suitable building could be obtained anywhere, and finally we had to put up with one one on the outskirts of the city, where among other disadvantages, most of the scholars are obliged to cross the river in order to attend. For two months this has been difficult and dangerous on account of high water, so that the attendance has been small, and besides the building is not comfortable or desirable even in a Mexican sense.

Just now, the property which we have been trying to get for some years is offered for sale at a reasonable price. Mr Gass had permission to buy it, and tried to buy in 1893, but the price asked then was too high. It is the property on the Plaza, occupying the space between the missionary residence and the new church. Although not built for a school, it will make very comfortable quarters after a few alterations have been made, and will be much pleasanter than any school-rooms heretofore occupied in Parral. There are 7 rooms in the main part, and 7 smaller ones behind on a back street, which, when not needed for boarding pupils, can be easily

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rented. The house is in good repair and today could be bought for $2500.00, silver, perhaps less, which at present rate of exchange would be less than $1300.00, gold. There are several would-be-purchasers, and it is very probable that if we do not buy now some one will, who will not care to sell for any such price. Taking into consideration the cost of repairs and changes recently made, this price is $400 less than ever before offered, the owner's reason for selling being the desire to get away from the protestants.

The Mission has voted to endorse this application, all but two stations having been heard from, and all in favor of the purchase.

Perhaps the W. B. M. I. would be willing to furnish funds for this special grant, since it is for women's work. In fact Miss Prescott has been encouraged by the ladies to ask for what she needed in the way of school equipment already. She is now writing then asking for this house but it seems best that the Prutential Committee should act in the matter first.

There are other reasons that might be mentioned why it is desirable to purchase at once. In the first place silver is unprecedentedly low just now. Again there are many rumors, apparently well-founded, of a railroad into Parral soon. That would increase the value of real estate. Further more, the possession of this property would enable us to finish the church in better style than we can otherwise, for a part of the house hides the view of a part of the front.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as maybe in this matter,

I am yours respectfully,

Otis C. Olds

Geo. C. Orr
Parral, Oct. 19, '96

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 10-31-96
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PARRAL, MEXICO.

Oct. 24 '96

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr. Barton:

I am sorry, but I shall have to take back what I wrote you on the 19th for the property in question has been sold to another party. As soon as I get another opportunity to buy at a reasonable price I will renew my application.

Yours truly
Otis C. Olds

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Rev. Pres. Board
Parral, Mex. Oct. 24, 1896.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 12-14-96
Ans'd 17

PARRAL, MEXICO.

Dec. 7. 1896

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I have just learned through Mr. Howland, that there is a prospect that a delegation from the Prudential Committee will probably attend the General Assembly in Mexico City Jan. 27. 97 Should they come I would most earnestly request them to plan to be present at the dedication of the new Memorial church in Parral. The date has been provisionally set for the 16th of January, but if there were a prospect of a visit from these gentlemen, we could change to the 23rd or any other date more convenient, provided that could be advised soon.

It will be a great occasion for the protestants of Southern Chihuahua. Most of the members of my three churches will be present as well as many friends. By some, this field is considered as one of the most open to the gospel in our Mission, if not in all Mexico, and a visit at this time would give a fine opportunity for seeing it. The extra expense and time need only be for the stage-ride from Jimenez to Parral. I wish it were possible for you to come. I send you a photo of the church as photographed about a month ago.

Yours truly Otis C. Olds.

Rev. Otis C. Olds

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Let me present two or three possible schemes.

If we hold the Dedication Jan. 23rd. the delegation will have to be in Jimenez Saturday Morning, that is they will be obliged to leave El Paso not later than Friday P.M. but cannot reach Jimenez on their return from Parral, until Monday night, and their train Tuesday morning would not reach Mexico until Wednesday night, one day late for the Asamblea.

Another scheme would be to have the Dedication on January 20th, from which the delegation could reach Mexico Saturday night, spending the previous Sunday in El Paso, for instance.

Lest neither of these arrangements prove satisfactory I would suggest another, which I would be willing to submit to rather than not have the delegation here. It is to put off the Dedication until February 6, so that it might be attended on the return from Mexico.

I hope that a decision may be made soon, for I need considerable time to advise all which I wish to reach of a change of date.

Chas C Olds

Parral, Dec. 7, 96

J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-1-27
Ans'd 1

Pirrit, Mexico, Jan. 25 '27

Dear Dr. Barton:

I sent recently a short account of the Imperial Church and its Dedication. I suppose if printed you will use the photograph, which I sent you a few weeks ago. I have not no other photos taken, for there is no good artist here now. I sent you however a photograph of Mrs. Olds, so that, if you think it wise, her picture may accompany the article. I am willing to bear the expense of making the cut if desired.

Sincerely yours,

Otis C. Olds

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 4-20-97
Ans'd 22

Parral, México.

April 13 1897

Rev. James L. Barton. D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:

In our recent Annual Meeting, the Mission voted to endorse my application for leave of absence this summer, in order to visit my little girl. She is in Garner, Iowa, with her mother's parents, and as she is three years old past, I want to give her chance to know her father, and I want to see her myself.

I think that I shall be able to make the trip without additional expense to the Board, meeting the cost from my salary. I wish to start next month so as to accompany and be able to assist my sister, Mrs. Wright, who is obliged to go North for medical treatment. I shall plan to be back in August.

Yours respectfully,
Otis C Olds

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-28-97
Ans'd

Beloit Wis. 6/24 '97

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:

What a kind and beautiful letter you wrote me! I do thank you for your warm welcome to Miss Cattell. I wish you could see and know her.

I have forwarded the application blanks to her and have asked her to send in a few other names. In addition to those which she may send, let me mention Rev. S. G. Barnes, of Longmeadow Mass. formerly professor in Grinnell who knew Miss Cattell intimately. I think she does not know his present address.

Many thanks to Mrs. Barton as well, for the ~~good~~ interest and good wishes of you both.

Respectfully. Otis C. Olds

Possibly Chicago

Rev. Otis C. Olds,

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Beloit Wis. July 27 '97

Dr. James L. Barton.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I am very grateful to you and Dr. Daniels for the speedy appointment of Miss Cattell and for the kind words of welcome which you have given her.

The date of the wedding is fixed for Aug. 11th. Then after a few days visiting here at my home, we plan to start for Mexico.

As I wrote you in my first letter concerning her, she will need something for personal outfit; besides a small amount to be used for refitting our home. I think we shall need altogether about $200.00 If this can be granted. I hope

that it may be sent as soon as possible, so as to avoid delay in starting for Mexico. It may be sent either to her at 415-Kirkwood Boulevard, Davenport, Iowa or to me at Beloit.

Perhaps it is needless to say that my heart is full of joy and hope for the future. And aside from my personal gain I believe that the Mission is to be congratulated on account of this lady's having joined it.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Barton

Yours respectfully

Chas E. Olds

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Parral, México.

Sept. 28 '97.

Dr. James L. Barton,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

At last I am back again in my field. We reached here a week ago today, though we started from Beloit the first of September and expected to reach our destination in less than a week. On reaching El Paso we found a large prairie fire broken out, 1 100 miles south of Chihuahua, so that we were detained there 5 days. Then on finally the rainy season, we found that the stages were irregular, getting there &c, necessitating a delay until the next day before we could take passage for Parral.

We were cordially welcomed here, first of a few American friends, and then in the evening by an enthusiastic congregation in the church. The work seems to have been well kept up. Jesus Valencia, one of our El Paso students, was left in charge, and like the other students who have spent the summer in this field has been joint tool work, and has proved himself to have the right spirit. Miss Prescott has been right here throughout and has had general oversight.

We are now making our preparations for a district convention to be held here soon the next month. A new bell has been received for our Parral church, the gift of American friends, and was been interested by means of an American lady resident of this place. We hope to place it in the tower soon.

We are getting settled little by little. The last of our household goods arrived yesterday, having come through all right. Mrs. Olds is pleased with her home and surroundings. She goes to begin regular lessons in Spanish next week,

Portrait, Sept. 23, '97

[illegible] and [illegible] maps in sight in [illegible] and is note to read Sources of our post association [illegible] a fair list of the [illegible].

I enclose [illegible] of her traveling expenses is well as our freight and bales in household goods.

[illegible] that comes to you for all your kindness [illegible] and [illegible], and our sincerely regards to Mrs. Barton.

I am

Yours respectfully

Otis C. Olds

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*Parral, México.*

Jan. 11, '98.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

We sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to be with us in our Annual Meeting. the date has been provisionally set for Mar. 24-29. There are several questions pending in which we need your advice, and it seems to me, that in order to advise the Mission aright, you ought to be on the ground, and in consultation with all the missionaries, if possible.

Some think that there ought to be a change in the location of the Training School, a difficult thing to bring about on account of the expense involved in securing a plant. Our policy as a Mission towards primary schools needs a more definite statement that we may all work intelligently toward the same end. In this are involved the questions of acquiring school property, of training up teachers, &c. Then, too, shall all, or most of the money available for boarding schools be used in a single station, or more or less equally divided among the stations which desire it? We need to know whether it is best to continue our present endeavor to man two important stations, 800 miles apart by rail, with a single missionary, or abandon one of them. How shall we continue our growing out-station work with

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diminishing appropriations? How can we best begin the work of evangelizing the 50,000 Tarahumara Indians in this northwestern part of Mexico, still living in the darkest heathenism? Should the missionaries spend most of their time and strength in the central stations or in touring and out-station work, in the absence of efficient helpers? How can the native churches be led to self-support and be educated in giving? These and a multitude of other questions demand attention and we do hope that you can be with us to study them. If any change in time would suit your convenience, please let me know soon, and the change can be readily made.

I hope you can see Parral now, before the changes which the completion of the railroad next July is sure to cause, for, on account of its being a large inland mining town, it furnishes, perhaps, the best example in northern Mexico of the old conditions and life, such as will continue to exist for years in the smaller towns. How glad we shall be to have you in our home! Though humble it is a happy one. Mrs. Olds is anticipating great pleasure in your visit.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Barton and the children.

Respectfully yours,

Otis C. Olds

Parral, Jan. 11, 98

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*Parral, México.*

May 3 '98

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Since I last wrote you a number of important meetings have been held in this field. First, and most important was the meeting of the Mission the last of March. It was a great pleasure to us to have the missionaries here, and the meeting did us good as well as the church and field. The Annual Meeting had not been held here since '90, and perhaps would not have been held this year, on account of the difficulty in reaching Parral, had it not been for the fact that it was expected that the railroad, which is being built, connecting us with the main line at Jimenez, would have been completed in time. Our people were counting much on the presence of the missionaries, and the public evening meetings held each evening were well attended, especially the evenings when stereopticon views were presented. Then the seating capacity of the church, or at least all available benches, were well tested.

It seemed to me that our meeting was remarkable for the spirit of harmony which prevailed. Our action on all of the perplexing questions brought up was unanimous, and I think satisfactory to all concerned.

The Annual Meeting of the Parral Church was held soon after the missionaries had left. A good proportion of the members were present, and several absent ones, who could not attend, sent letters. The number received into the church was not quite so large as the year before, but growth and progres were manifest. The officers elected, are good representatives of the church, and will work in harmony with one another and the pastor, which has not at.

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July 13. 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton D. D.
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Mrs. Olds and I wish to announce to you the birth of a son, Robert Cattell, July 12th. Mother and son seem to be getting on nicely, for which we thank God.

Respectfully yours

Otis C. Olds

Prarval, July 15, '96

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July 19 '98.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I wish to make a few remarks with regard to the location of our Training School. I have seen Dr. N. E. Barton's letter to you, and yours to Mr. Wright, and in the Mission have cast my vote in favor of the permanent location of the School in El Paso.

It seems to me that the School is all right where it is. In some quarters the view has been held that the School costs a great deal more in El Paso than it would cost in the interior, but I do not think that such is the fact. It is true that El Paso is a more expensive place to live in than Parral, for Americans, but it is because a great many things to which Americans are accustomed cannot be obtained at all in Parral, but make up a large part of the cost of living in El Paso. Wages are higher, too, and rents considerably higher than in any other of our stations. But these things do not affect the cost of running the school. School supplies are much cheaper, and can be obtained much more easily, in El Paso than in Parral. All clothing, such as used by the young men, as well as shoes, hats &c. are much cheaper in El Paso. In fact ready-made clothing cannot be obtained at all in Parral. Corn and bread are cheaper, sugar and coffee cheaper

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dried fruits and oatmeal cheaper, kerosene very much cheaper:fuel is cheaper, although probably more is needed there than would be needed in Parral. As far as labor is concerned, the young men do almost all of the kitchen, laundry,and janitor work themselves, so that it cuts no figure. On the other hand the scarcity of labor in El Paso makes it possible for several young men each year to meet most of their expenses by doing chores in the neighborhood, something which could not be done in Parral. I have compared prices at the border with those in Parral, for I have lived in both places. Chihuahua and Guerrero however, would not be very different from Parral, though more expensive if anything.

It has been suggested that the location of the School in El Paso has induced young men to enter, who would not have thought of the ministry had it not been for the opportunity afforded of studying and living in the U.S. Of course this may have been true of other young men, I do not know,but of those going from my own field, I do not think it has been. Two cases at least needed a vast amount of urging before they could be persuaded to leave their native land and go so far away.At any rate the missionary in each field ought to be able to judge whether such motives are prevalent in a young man's thought, before recommending him for admission.

The fact that we are occasionally sending a young man to New Mexico, ought to call forth thanksgiving rather than otherwise, especially since there is no

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other Congregational school doing such work, in spite of the great need, and since we can do it without loss to our own work in Mexico. After all, we have received about as many students from U.S. points as we have sent to the U.S. But why will not the Educational Society see that this work, which the Board is now doing without their help, is precisely that was contemplated when the money was raised and the building erected in El Paso? Rev. Mr. Mathews secured the money for this specific purpose, by representing the need of an educated ministry among the Mexicans of the Southwest of the U.S. Though the Society acting as the trustees of the donors has withdrawn from the active support of the work, she surely ought not to withhold the building from the use for which it was originally intended. It seems to me that the Board ought to have the buildings rent-free.

After all, unless we go on with the School where it is, we are apt to be left without building or School, are we not, at least for some years? and that would be quite disastrous to our work. It isn't likely that the Board can make us a grant of $10 000 for another building, and I fear that it would be difficult to get the increased appropriation necessary for moving the School to the interior. Not only the charges for transportation but the duties on school supplies and furniture, and the household goods of the missionary family, would be very high; almost the same as if everything were new. Let us pay rent in El Paso if we have to, but let us stay there at any rate. Mrs. Olds joins me in kind regards. Yours truly, O. C. Olds.

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*Parral, México.*

Oct. 4 '98

Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D. D.

Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:

In response to a circular letter from Drs. Strong and Daniels I send the enclosed statement concerning the openings for enlarged work in my field. Through July and August, first on account of Mrs. Olds' sickness, and then of my own, I was able to do very little touring, but during September I have been out a good deal, and have a full program laid out for the present month. The work seems encouraging in most points, though the people do but little when by themselves. Even here in Parral, the meetings are poorly conducted when I am not here, and I sometimes think that it would be better not to have anything but Sabbath school at such times. Since March I have been preaching in English on the first Sunday afternoons of each month. We have quite an American colony here now and something of the kind seemed imperative.

I will write you again after making the long trips I am contemplating.

I sincerely hope and pray that the meeting of the Board beginning today maybe one of great interest and blessing.

Respectfully yours,

Oto C Olds

Rev. Otis C. Olds

Parral Oct. 4, '98

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Parral, Mexico, Nov.26 '98

Rev.Jas.L.Barton, D.D.

Boston.

Dear Dr.Barton:

Let me send you a copy of a letter which I have just written to the Wisconsin Endeavorers. I find now a great deal to do, more than I can do well. With these new converts to be looked after and worked with, and the new families to be visited which they give us access to, there is much to be done right here, and yet now is the best time of the whole year for touring and visiting out-stations. I will do the best I can however. But what a blessing we have received! It was a great inspiration to us missionaries, for of course we are very much isolated in our work, and have but few opportunities for encouragement from other workers.

Yours truly, Otis C. Olds.

Parral, Nov. 26, '98

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Parral, Mexico.

Nov.26 '98

Dear Christian Endeavorers:

I know you will all rejoice with us over the good meetings which have just been held here in Parral. They have resulted in a number of conversions and in new spiritual life among the Christians.

Rev.Sr.Arcadio Morales was the man ~~who brought us~~ through whom the blessing came to us. He is pastor of one of the strongest evangelical churches in Mexico City, and his labors have been remarkably blest of God, in his own church, in conventions, and wherever he has held special services. He is generally known as the Moody of Mexico, and more appropriately so since when Mr.Moody visited Mexico in 1894, he seems to have received a special baptism of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he is a wonderfully consecrated man. He seems to have but one object in life and that is that he may be used in the service of Christ, and especially in bringing men to Him. He gave his services freely, coming over 1000 miles, the church at Parral joining with that at Chihuahua in bearing the expense of the journey, while his own church released him for the 10 days stay to be divided between the two places. We had prepared as well as possible for his coming, advising the people in neighboring towns and ranches, printing invitations and circulars for daily distribution, and most important of all, meeting together for prayer for the 5 days preceding the meetings. The time was not just when we would have chosen, for in the ranches the farmers were in the midst of harvesting corn and beans, which in this country means constant vigilance day and night to prevent stealing, and yet, over 40 came from out of town, all the way from 5 to 60 miles.

Sr. Morales arrived at noon, and wished to begin work at once, holding a meeting of the Christians at 4 o'clock. His first subject was the Healing of the Two Blind Men, Matt.9, and he made very graphic to us the awfulness of such an affliction, as well as all the circumstances attending the miracle, and then drove home the truth that according to our faith

would be the measure of the cure for the spiritual blindness in and about us. In the evening, every seat was taken, and the closest attention given to the Parable of the Lost Sheep. In the Bible Reading next morning, on the truth that God is willing to do above all that we ask or think, Sr. Morales referred to my remark to him the evening before, that I was surprised and had not believed that so many would come, and exhorted us to ask and expect great blessings. For the evening we had to prepare more chairs and benches, and they were needed, for at least 200 persons were present. That night, the first converts came forward, and the next there were more, and by the third night I had taken the names of 18. One remarkable thing about these conversions is that many of them were entirely new to the Gospel, strangers to me, who, on the first opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the offer of salvation, accepted it. What seemed even more strange to us who have worked in this priest-ridden country, is that these Roman Catholics did not have to be argued with before they would leave the Roman Church, but accepted the Gospel and so became Protestants without waiting for any attack on their old faith. Sr. Morales preached the plain simple truths of the Gospel just as Mr. Moody might preach them, without special reference to Romanism, and his hearers saw at once that Romanism was false in its claims and powerless to save them!

One man, the first convert to the Gospel in Parral, but excommunicated from the church some years ago, on account of atheism and drunkenness, attended these meetings, and seems to be repentant and converted anew. His confession before the church at our prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening, and his request for the prayers of his brethren rejoiced the hearts of us all.

Our people are now very much waked up, and are looking about them as never before to see what they can do for Christ.

Yours in the Work,

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Parral, Mexico.

June 30 '99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Last Sunday was a glad day for Zaragoza, one of my out stations, both for the church and congregation, and also for those of us who had driven 50 miles in order to be present. The building which they had desired for so many years, and which was begun about three years ago, was finished and dedicated on that day. There are only about 25 members in that church all told, and but 8 of these live in the village, nor have they had any preacher for two years, and yet they decided to build a church, and they have kept at it, giving and working, little by little as they were able, until finally, with a little outside aid, they succeeded in accomplishing it.

The building is thoroughly Mexican, adobe walls and flat roof, though with the aid of supporting pillars through the center, it was built twice as wide as most houses here. The front wall is made higher than the rest of the building, with steps running up from each side, and surmounted by an arch, 15 feet above the roof, or about 40 feet from the ground. The entrance consists of a large door, 12 feet high by 10 wide, with a window on either side. Four other windows, or rather wooden shutters, for glass is scarce in this country, two on each side, light up the main room, which is 30 feet wide by about 45 long. The smaller room at the front, measures 30 by 15 feet, and communicates with the larger by two wide arches. Wine color for the inside woodwork, and green for the doors and windows, set off the

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white walls and gray trimmings with pleasing effect. The church was decorate with wreathes and flowers, and Scripture texts painted on the walls in old English and script helped much in the adornment.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr.James D.Eaton of Chihuahua, other parts being taken by Eugenio Rodriguez of Las Cuevas, Federico Zavala of Parral,and Daniel Molina, a student from the El Paso Training School, who is spending the summer vacation with this church. Almost all the members of the church were present, and a large number of friends, including many of the leading citizens of the place. At the Communion, Sunday Afternoon, a precious service, four new members were received, two of whom, a mother and daughter, having walked 15 miles, the greater part of the distance in the night, the mother carrying her baby and leading two other children, in order to be present. Such earnestness was a lesson to us all, and a rebuke to those of us who had thought we had made great sacrifices.

Here at Parral, we held a special meeting last week, while Dr.Eaton was with us,in order to explain clearly to the church the manner in which the deeds of the Memorial Church in this city are held. There had been some dissatisfaction on the part of two or three, and a disposition shown to criticize the Board in its order that this property, formerly held in the name of Mr.Case, should be turned over to Mr.Eaton, the treasurer of the Mission. We do not know yet whether the results of the meeting will prove that it was successful or not. We hope and pray.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, I am

Yours respectfully, Otis C. Olds.

Rev. Otis C. Olds,
Prescott, June 30, '99

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Parral, Mexico. May 27 '99

Dr. Jas. L. Barton,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Knowing that the report of the work in this field, prepared early in April for the Annual Meeting of the Mission, wouldreach you with the other reports, I have not written you directly for some time. We had a good Annual Meeting, remarkable for the harmony and good feeling which prevailed. If I remember correctly, there was no divided vote on any question which came before us. We did not always thinw alike at the beginning, but after full discussion, were all agreed.

We were sorry to find Mr. Wright so nearly worn out however. He seemed to me to be very much as he was when in Boston at the time of the C.E. Convention. He has had a good many things to worry him this spring, in addition to the unusually heavy work of the year in school and church. The trouble with the boys, of which he told me that he had written you something, had its origin, as near as I could find out, in the matron. She made the worka as disagreeable for the boys as she could, and was continually nagging at them until finally they rebelled. Perhaps her poor health was the cause of it, and if a suitable person could have been found for the place , she would have been dismissed before. But Wright has pulled through, today is his last day of school, and perhaps the touring workathis summer, in which he expects to engage, will be enough of a change to benefit his health. We hope that he and his family will make Parral headquarters for a part of

the summer.

One student has been allotted to this field for the vacation, though I could use three to advantage, if they had bee forthcoming. He is to be located in Zaragoza, 50 miles north, where the new church building is just about completed. We hope for a great occasion at its dedication, June 25. Dr. Eaton is to preach the sermon, and delegates are to be present from all the churches in southern Chihuahua.

A new movement on foot in Parral is an attempt to obtain permission to distribute tracts, and do Christian work in the prison. A committee of four members of the church waited on the Jefe Político the other day, with such a request, and it was granted. When we attempted to use the order however, the jailor refused to honor it. This was accounted for by the fact that the Jefe pro tem. who granted us the permission is a liberal, while the real Jefe, who returned a few days afterward, is a fanatical Roman Catholic. It seems that he did not dare to re voke the other's order openly, but annulled it by giving the jailor, another fanatic, to understand that he was not to honor it. Now I have prepared a petition to the City Council, with its requisite 50 cent revenue stamp, embodying this request, which I imagine will be granted in spite of the Jefe's opposition, for most of the Council are liberal, and then we shall see if he can annul it. A number of the church members are ready to undertake this work, and there is great need for it. About 80 prisoners are confined in this district most of the time.

Mrs. Olds and the baby are pretty well, though the hot weather which we are now having affects them unfavorably. Please remember me kindly to your family. Yours respectfully,

Otis C. Olds

Rev. Otis C. Olds, Parral, May 27, 1929

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Parral, Mexico.

Oct. 31 '99

Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D. D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I admit that I have been negligent and have let considerable time pass without writing, but not quite so bad as yours of the 26th, received yesterday, would indicate, for I wrote also on the 30th of June. Besides describing the dedication of the new church in Zeragoza , I wrote something about the state of feeling in Parral with regard to what the Board, through the Mission, had done to secure the holding of the deeds of this church-building. In July, that feeling of dissatisfaction continued, and resulted in some of the members holding meetings by themselves in order to form a protest, which they presented to me as representative of the Mission. I received them cordially and explained again the reasons which had led us to take that step, and succeeded in satisfying all but two or three, so that they returned to the church and began to work in harmony as before. The two or three would also have been won over, I think, if it had not been that about that time a representative of the National Independent Church, which has been organized recently in several places, and of which you have probably heard, came here and began proselyting. This National movement has drawn in most places from the Methodist Church South, as it did, for instance in Chihuahua, but as the Congregational is the only church here, we are the ones which will have to suffer. This work of proselyting has been kept up since August, with more or less of success, their battle-cry being Mexico for the Mexicans, Don't allow yourselves to be governed or counselled by the Americans. Of course these agitators do not hesitate to circulate all manner of lies about Americans in general and Mexican missionaries in particular, and they find a good many whom they can deceive. They haven't organized yet, though I presume they will do so soon. There

are four or five members who have imbibed so much of the ~~mentioned~~ spirit mentioned above that it will be a great relief to us when they separate from us. How many they will take with them we do not know. We have tried to be patient and have submitted to all sorts of attempted insults, and my policy has been, especially of late, to ignore them as much as possible, and to act as if we expected them of course to remain true to their church and to manifest gratitude for the many favors they had received from the missionaries of the American Board.

I was able to attend the National gathering of Young People's Societies in San Luis Potosí last July , and was much encouraged thereby. Returning, I found our little boy sick, together with Mr. Wright's youngest, with cholera morbus, and we had a long hard fight for their lives. Robert did not fully recover, so as to be strong again until about a month ago.

The District Convention and Conference for Southern Chihuahua was held here Oct. 5-8. It was quite a successful meeting. A large number attended from other points, especially from Las Cuevas. A good deal of ability was displayed in the essays prepared and in the discussions, proving progress and growth in religous things. There were only three preachers present, the main part of the work being carried on by laymen. Such a conference would not have been possible when I first came, nor even three years ago without the aids of more preachers. At this meeting we organized a local union of Christian Endeavor, the first to be organized in the north of the Republic. The following week I went to Chihuahua, and assisted in forming a similar organization for the northern part of the State. That Convention was quite different from ours from the fact that there were 9 or 10 preachers present not to mention the missionary teachers, from our own and the Methodist school but only one or two lay delegates from out of town.

It is true that Parral is growing rapidly now, and a number of Americans have come here to live, besides many more who come and go. Services in English are still held once a month, though the attendance is not as large as it should be, nor as large as it would be probably, if I could manage to

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Parral, Mexico.

hold thmm every week. I don't see how I could do that however at present, for I have to be gone a good deal holding services in the out-stations. I am afraid too that such a step would cause even more jealousy towards the Americans on the part of our church members. I do not intend to discontinue the meetings now being held however for any such fear. Dr. Whatley helps us a great deal in many ways. He was formerly a missionary of the Cumberland Presbytierian Church in Aguas Calientes, but since leaving the work has studied medicine, and is now practicing here. His knowledge of Spanish as well as former experience makes him a valuable helper.

I will try to do better about writing you in future, and will keep you informed about the independent movement. They say that David Watkins, of ansavory history, both in connection with our work in Guadalajara in an earl day, and with the Methodist Church South later, is coming here soon to assis in dismembering this church. He is one of the leading spirits among the independents.

Sincerely yours,

Otis C Olds

Mrs. Olds joins me in kind regards.

Rev. Otis E. Olds,
Parral, Oct. 31, 99

C. Juarez, Mexico,
December 21. '91.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
1 Somerset St,
Boston.

Dear Sir.

I send you to-day my photograph, the one taken when Mr. Olds and I were in Chicago buying household goods.

We reached here the 14 of this month having spent Sunday at Albuquerque where we met several people members of Mr. Christie's church who are interested in this work.

Rev. Otis E. Olds

Wednesday Mr. Olds started for Cusihuiriachic to arrange matters there, also to visit the churches there and at El Refugio, San Isidro and Guerrero.

I am staying at Mr. Wright's. He is my mother's brother and Mrs. Wright is Mr. Olds' half sister. So I am at home here. Otherwise I would feel moved to object to Mr. Olds being away our first Christmas and me in a strange land.

Your letter of Dec. 11 is

Mrs. Helen Olds.

C. Juarez. Dec. 21, 1891.

Filed. Jan. 5, 1892.

received. We can get a house near the school. We have the choice now between an adobe house and upstairs rooms in an American-build brick house, the latter in the same block with the school, the former not far from it.

I am anxious to get the language learned or at least enough to talk some with the dark complexioned people who shake hands with me so cordially.

Respectfully yours,
Helen Olds.

Cusihuiriachic,
Chihuahua,
Mex
June 30. 1892.

Dr. N. G. Clark,
No. 1 Somerset St.
Boston

Dear Sir,

A history of the moving of the Olds family from C. Juarez to Cusi. in the Sierras; The 30th. of May saw all their furniture packed and letters written to Mexico city asking a reduction of duties at the advice of the agent for the Custom's House. June 1 the head of the family jumped or fell from a packing box spraining his ankle and fainting with pain. Home he was carried home, and his ankle treated to hot water at intervals of every two hours the following night and day. June 2 the Wright family started for the U.S. - Owing to the non-receipt of the letter from Mexico city and the disabled ankle the Olds family postponed the day of their starting for Cusi and gathered themselves and their lunch baskets into one small room to wait, for the house was to be given up the 6th. day of June. The letter from Mexico came not. The invalid procuring a crude, home made crutch and a Japanese heavy cane investigated the subject of 'passenger manifest', hoping thereby to get a reduction of duty on what his wife

counted as her most precious possession - after himself; her piano. The passenger manifest showed itself to be more expensive, in the end. He hobbled painfully to the headquarters of the chief of the Aduana, but his highness, being sick after a grande fete, would see no ~~one~~. Some things were re-packed, pictures taken out of their frames, silver put in with lunch, and a goodly and precious stock of canned fruit returned and exchanged for canned vegetables. - these changes saving more than $50 dollars, owing to the immense duties on afore said articles. But yet did the bill for freight and duties appear so horribly real and great that it seemed endowed with life and haunted their dreams, until they gathered courage and said "Go to, we have done the best we could, and you have no right to trouble us." Then did the specter depart and peace came in their troubled hearts.

June 12 the sturdy little church band came to have a farewell prayer. Under the shade of the trees on the cane for seats they sang and talked and prayed, and very sweet and helpful were their words to departing missionaries.

June 13 the same band gathered at the train and watched their pastor and his wife depart with fears for the ankle (which they declared would always be crooked) and even tears. June 14 brought them to Chihuahua where Mr. and Mrs. Eaton gave a cordial welcome and helped

them on their way. For two and a half days did they journey in a buggy over rough roads, often thru beautiful scenery; rough roads up the rugged mountains which the athletic traveller enjoyed climbing, overhanging rocks and clear pools which she sketched with indifferent success.

A delegation of new converts met them a few miles from Cusi and accompanied them part of the way. At the church the members were gathered and had a good hot supper ready and after held an short praise prayer meeting.

Mr. Eaton came the 26 to help decide as to property. Sunday, eight were received into the church. Some eighteen are on probation to be received at next communion.

There is no public school for girls now altho everyone wishes one. The lady who was teaching did not wish to continue and so the school was dropped.

The people on the whole are friendly - much less fanatical than elsewhere in Mexico. The church members the most intelligent and earnest Protestants in this mission.

Mr. Olds is on the road between here and Chihuahua, whither he went with Mr. Eaton to buy the property.

I enclose plan of said property. Thinking you may be interested in a typical Mexican house.

Sincerely
Helen Olds.

Cuaihuiriachic, June 30, 1892

Recd July 13

Mrs. Helen C. Olds

Rec'd 12-13-97
Ans'd 1-5-98

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Parral, Mexico.
Dec. 4th 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

At last I find time to write you the letter I have meant to write for so long. There are not hours enough in the day to accomplish all the work I see to do, so many things are left undone. But I remember the advice given me just before leaving home, by Mrs. Shedd, that sweet faced, white haired veteran missionary from Turkey, to give my first attention to learning the language, if I could do but <u>one</u> thing,

let it be that, and she tries to impress it upon me, that any work I might try to do, would be crippled, until I had good command of the language. So I try to follow her advice and give my attention chiefly to studying, and to house keeping.

I do not find the language hard; I have a competent Mexican teacher and recite to him regularly twice a week. I now take charge of the sewing class in our school, one afternoon each week, and we have begun preparations for our Xmas entertainment. But this is all the work I am doing now besides taking charge of the music at all the church services, visiting our members and trying to look after our sick people a little.

There is a good deal of sickness

now, and the people are so ignorant about caring for their sick ones. They frequently come to Mr. Olds and ask for money for medicine, or to send for the Dr. Then we both go and see the patient and send for a physician or not as the case demands, give suggestions as to treatment and see that medicine is supplied them; they never have any money laid up sickness or death. I find my training in this line indispensable, and I am glad of all such chances to go into their homes; it brings us more closely together.

We have made three tours on horse back or on wheels, to points at a distance. I shall not soon forget the first one - to a ranch thirty-six miles west of here; the ride was a delightful one, the scenery in the Mts. beautiful,

and we enjoyed cooking our meals over camp fires and sleeping out under a big tree at night; for I was not allowed to make the trip in one day. The people at the ranch were expecting us, and received us most cordially, seeming pleased that I should take such a long, hard ride just to see them. They were very poor and very dirty, but they did all they could to make our three days visit pleasant. The services were well attended and several young ladies expressed a desire to unite with the church.

Mexico really seems like home to me now, and my life here has been so happy and busy that I have not felt a touch of homesickness. The climate and food have agreed with me quite well, so that I been spared the sickness so many new comers have.

We have just heard of the possibility of your visit to Mex. next Spring, and we most heartily rejoice at the prospect, and hope nothing will happen to prevent it.

Very sincerely yours. Helen C. Olds.

Ellen O. Prescott

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Nov. 7. 1890.

Chihuahua Nov. 7/90.

Dear Dr. Clark.

You have heard from the Cases and Eatons that my place of occupation has been changed for a time. I hope it will not have to be for long. Although I am contented and happy here and every one is very kind, when I think of our three schools in and near Parral I cannot but wish that I might be in two places at once. Have the Board found no one to take

the school work here?
I feel it is my duty here
till there is some one here
on the field with the language
ready to go on with the
school. Our work is
suffering in Parral, as
we had to take our largest
boys out in order to leave
the school in charge of the
Mexican teacher. We are
praying for a teacher here
and in Sonora.

Our school has grown quite
fast since I have been here
but as things are not very
stationary in Mexico, our
schools as congregations
are constantly changing.
The people, many of them
seem to have no permanent

home, and while this changing in some ways is to our disadvantage it is a great help to the spread of the Gospel. We hope to graduate three girls this year as teachers. Two will find work in our country schools and one will be employed as assistant teacher here.

Our boarding girls all seem so happy and contented. It is a great pleasure to work with and for them. We feel that this home is just the best thing for them. They are trained in every way to make them most serviceable in aiding their own people.

Parral is quite alone now, but we are sure the member will do their very best possible in the absence of the missionary family. I am glad for Las Cuevas that the Case family is there.

We are enjoying the visit of Mr. Eaton's parents very much and looking forward to a pleasant meeting in El Paso in Dec.

Most Sincerely.

Nellie Porscott.

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Chihuahua, March. 14 1892.

Dear Dr. Clark.

Your two letters have been received; the first speaking of the appointment of Miss Holcomb for this school, the second telling of the gift received from the Sunday school in ~~Chester~~ Godfrey Ill. We have so many needs that we hardly know how we shall get at them.

I feel very much disappointed that Miss Holcomb does not come until fall. She will hardly be prepared to take the school at the beginning of the new year. I had fondly hoped to return to Parral in June and the Cases say that I must come any way.

It seems almost impossible to leave here until another

teacher is prepared to take the work. and still sometimes the need seems to be greater in Parral than here.

I am praying that the way may be opened for me to go in June but I cannot see just how yet.

Thanking you for your kind letters I remain

Yours—

Nellie Prescott.

Chihuahua

Mexico.

Chihuahua, April 30th, 92

Dr. N. G. Clark.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of April 8th has been received. I am thankful for the interest you are taking in my return to Parral. I hope nothing will prevent Miss Holcomb's coming.

Mr. Eaton told me this morning that he was writing to you and that he would like to have me express my ideas in regard to the Training School in Juarez to send with his letter. I have not visited the school yet, but know almost all the boys personally. The last one who went up from here could not read understandingly; had never been to school. I knew him well as he read with me evenings for a year before he went away. Miss Stahl told me at the time of the Conference that the greater part of her afternoons was spent with his primary studies. He makes very slow progress. Another boy from Parral could just read

and write when he entered the school. It seems to me that these boys might be cared for and helped along at their homes, in the primary branches making less work for the teachers in Juares. I wish to do my share of the work of preparing boys for the school there. I think all should be able to read understandingly and write legibly before entering there. If the work can be decreased the teaching force can also be decreased. Miss Stahl is a very efficient teacher and capable of doing a great deal. If she could be relieved from so much primary work she would have more time to help Mr. Wright in the advanced studies, and he would not need the help of Mr. Alds. Miss Dunning visited the school last winter and on her return spoke of the small amount of work compared with the large force of teachers. This is all that I can say until I know more.

Yours —
Nellie Prescott.

Superintendent's Office
Recd May 5. 1892
Ans'd

Parral. Mexico. April 3/94

Dear Dr. Clark.

I have thought that I was not doing my duty in not writing to you but excused myself thinking there was little to be said only what would be mentioned in the letters of the missionary.

Our school seems to be more of a success than ever before. Sixty two have been enrolled during the year. Forty are in attendance at the present time. Six of these forty are boarders in the house.—One left us last week to live with her father who has moved to town. Last week I gave up five music scholars and pay a teacher in my place. I also have one of the girls engaged to help in the sewing. These two with an assistant to help in the school work two hours in the day relieve me a good deal. As the warm weather comes on we have to move a little slower in order to keep ourselves in health and strength.

You ask about the religious interest

in the school. The changes in the children for the better are more noticable each day. The girls of the house all have Christian parents but they have not been taught as they would have been if the parents had been more intelligent. All are obedient and faithful in their work and studies. They all take interest in the study of the Bible, Most of them are ready to take part in public prayer when given an opportunity. Only one of the six is a church member. All are members of the C. E. Society and are ready to help in every Christian work that they can do. Besides attending three services on Sunday and having our own private prayer meeting they go out in the afternoon to read in some family where the members cannot read or visit some one who has never heard the Bible and is anxious to hear it. Tuesday afternoon they always attend the women's meeting and Wednesday evening the prayer meeting.

We are trying to be faithful in our humble way and we are trusting the Lord to do his share. He has promised and must fulfill

Yours. Nellie Prescott.

Parral, April 3, 1894

Rec'd April 10

J. L. B.
Rec'd 9-18-97
Ans'd 12-2-97



Parral. Sep. 9/97

Dr. James L. Barton
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter was received several days ago and I have felt rather guilty ever since. As I wrote quite often to Chicago I had not thought it necessary to write to Boston. Will not be so negligent this coming year.

We are looking for Mr. Allds every day now. We are all glad that he is to bring a wife back with him. It will be much better for all concerned that he have a wife.

We had planned a reception supper and a welcome meeting but trains and stage have such irregular hours that we can only be prepared with our lamps burning but we cannot tell the hours when they will be needed.

School does not begin till the 20th. of this month. It closed the middle of July with the government examination. Our examinations are the last of may. After they are over we continue with the studies required by the law of the state. There was only one who

did not pass the examination by law this year. The greater number passed well, several perfect.

Several trips to outstations were planned during vacation but two had to be given up on account of rains that raised the rivers and creeks and made the roads impassable. Zaragoza - sixty miles by horseback from here - was visited. I had not been there for two years or since our mission school was closed there. I found the church building, commenced over a year ago, ready for the roof. The work has been done mostly by the Hermanos. Had it not been for the rains and the sickness of the native pastor it would be near completion by this time. The pastor is now in Parral under the doctor's care.

Three students from the El Paso Training School have been working in and around Parral during the summer. Daniel - stationed at Balleza; two days from here - came in a month ago to get his mail. He had been there six weeks and had heard nothing from home. This is a lonely station but he went back to it happy.

Isabel - six days from Parral - hovilos pre-

quent letters to the Testigo. He has had some very interesting experiences with the Padres that visit the little town Dolores where he is stationed. Jesus - the young man who has been taking Mr. Alds' place has been very much liked. He has not been able to visit near outstations on account of the rains and high water in rivers and creeks. He spends most of his time in study. Today he is on his way to Las Cuevas where he will have a meeting tonight.

Our new church building is admired and appreciated by our church members as it should be. Our Romanist friends have prophesied its distruction many times but it still stands. They do not see why their saints do not perform some miracle and make away with the protestants and their temple.

Most Sincerely
Nellie A. Prescott.

Miss Nellie V. Prescott,
Parral, Sept. 9, 97

Miss Ellen O. Prescott,
Parral. Mexico March 4/99

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Dr. J. L. Barton
Boston, Mass.

3-13-99
MAY 11 1899

Dear Dr. Barton:

Your letter with card was received one of the last days of last year. May the desire expressed in your card be realized in my work here. Not a day passes that I do not feel God's hand leading. Each day brings its special blessings.

As this is a very windy, and for that reason, disagreeable day to be out. I have not made my usual Saturday calls. I had thought to spend the day in writing and reading but my plans were not to be carried out.

Miss Nellie O. Prescott

about ten o'clock Doña Tomasa stepped in to help me pass the day by relating her experiences, her hopes and fears. She says, "No one need tell me that God does does not work miracles in our time. While I am waiting on my patients I am in constant prayer that God will help them and me and he does wonderful things." Last Sunday after talking and praying with some unbelievers she said, "This is one of the happiest days of my life. God does hear prayer." When I came in from dinner I was surprised to find one of our faithful hermanos who had come in from his ranch near by on business and had dropped in to have a little talk. He had questions to ask on passages from the Bible

that he had recently read. He wished me to look up some particularly interesting verses that seemed very precious to him. He says he was born only eight years ago but he has made good use of those two years and is well learned in the teachings of the Bible. He learned to read after his conversion. As he rose to go, after a visit of three hours, I asked if he would not return to meeting tomorrow and he answered "If I came in here who would lead the meeting at home?" Members of our Christian Endeavor Society often go out and lead the services at his ranch.

Three weeks ago I went out with one of the deacons of the church. We had three services with an average attendance of thirty-five. The work is very encouraging just now, both here and in the outstations. Zaragoza is finishing a church building. Dolores is asking for both a pastor and teacher. The women of our church have never been as active in Christian work as now, and the members of our society are shouldering new responsibilities. At present school is very small on account of measles.

May this be a good year for Christian workers at home.

Sincerely Jas. A. Rescott.

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Parral, Mexico. May 1/99

Dear Dr. Barton.

The mission voted to give me six weeks during vacation to visit Mrs. Case in California. Is this vote approved by the Board? If so I shall start the middle of July and return by the first of September. It has been six year since I was in the States and as my cousin, Mrs. Case, is in very poor health and I think I could be of some assistance to her and the change would be good for myself.

From reports there was a delightful conference in El Paso this year. May the work receive new blessings this coming year, is our prayer.

Yours Sincerely.

N. A. Prescott.

Parral, May 1, 99.

Thomas Ryan

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U. S. Legation
Mexico City
May 4 1891

N. G. Clark
Secy A. B. C. F. M.
1 Somerset St
Boston
Mass

Dear Sir,

The matter referred to in your letter of the 27th ultimo has been submitted to the Mexn Govt. and its reply rec'd. The correspondence has been forwarded to the State Dept. Washington

Yours
D.L. Geo Ryan

Thos. Ryan

Mexico, May 4, 1891

Recd May 11

Dorothy Stahl

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Ciudad Juarez, Mex.
May 5, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Yours of April 29th, received to-day. I am glad to know of your interest in me and my work, although I am not really one of your daughters. I have wanted to be a foreign missionary since my college days in Oberlin in '85, but home reasons have made it impossible for me to go to a distant field.

As to your suggestions about the school, I would say that they meet my hearty approval. In fact I have been thinking of these same things ever since going to the

annual Conference and have been planning how we could arrange our work.

It seems to me unwise to take a student young man who can barely read and can't add and substract and expect to make an efficient helper of him in three or four years or even five. It is to be hoped we shall not make such mistakes in the future; as it is not a pleasant matter to turn a young man from the school who has entered it with earnestness on his part. Our most primary pupil has already left.

Again it seems unwise for the students to have as many classes as they have had this year. It makes so much more work for the teacher and is not as good for the students.

Four regular classes, five days in the week, are enough; besides

extras that naturally come. This will give us not more than twelve classes, on condition that we do not admit any new students who cannot enter classes already formed. My plan would be for Mr. Wright to teach four classes, all in the afternoon or in the morning as he would prefer, leaving a half day to devote to other work and the evenings for school study. As I am learning more of the language all the time, I could teach the rest. By next September I shall have nearly all the translating done, that I shall need for my studies the coming year. This burden lifted, I can give a part of the evenings to the further study of the language.

Two of the weekly services of the church, are conducted by the J. C. S. C. E. For my part of the

work this year, I have had the care of seeing that these meetings were well directed by the young people, so that Mr. Olde and Mr. Wright need not have the responsibility.

Since the Annual Conference, Mr. Olde has been holding some special meetings with occasional aid from the students. Considerable interest has been awakened which will need to be looked after. When we move to El Paso the work here will be crippled and inconvenient to attend to from there. The students cannot attend all the services in Juarez and be the inspiration of the prayer meetings as they are now, on account of expense and time. Neither can they do pastoral work.

It seems to me that the question to decide Mr. Olde immediate going to Cusi is, which field needs his

ministerial help more, where can he do the most work and have the furthest reaching influence for the cause of Christ? Is it in the great Cusi region with the twenty five candidates for admission to the church, which the faithful native helper has been able to bring to a decision but is not able to train in the Christian way? This region also includes Herrero where there are several candidates and El Refugio with its chapel already built, begging for a church organization and regular visits from a missionary; or is it in this one City of Juarez that can have regular visits from a missionary and the occasional help of the most advanced students.

If a man can be appointed to this field within three or five

months so that he can be ready to begin work the fall of '93, when we wish to enlarge the school work. I see no reason why we cannot spare Mr. Olds from here with little inconvenience to the work.

Hoping I have not written too much in detail, I am

Very sincerely yours

Dorothy Stahl.

Miss Dorothy Stahl

Ciudad Juarez, May 5, 1892

Rec'd May 12

J. F. Stultz

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Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.
June 10th, 1894.

Mr. N. G. Clark, F. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

My Dear Mr. Clark,

I have your kind letter of 22d ult., and beg leave to say that I am much gratified by the expressions of appreciation of my feeble efforts in what I have looked upon here as only my duty; at the same time I am very glad to have your commendation however short of my aim my small attempts at doing something of christian (work) may be. I have had no expectation of reward in the little I have been able to do, nor should I think of accepting any from such a cause, except the knowledge that I have done a little to help attain the common object of all christian effort.

The coming of your letter gives me the opportunity of saying a few words about the work in this part, which I trust you will not think presumptuous, as coming from an outsider. I learn from Mrs. Crawford the action of the Board, or rather the Conference in Chihuahua, is to recommend that in case a certain person is not secured for this field, that the work be allowed to

lie somewhat dormant here while some one is preparing to take it up. Allow me to suggest that the importance of this field is somewhat overlooked. It is natural that the Board should regard the opportunities offered and the work done in Central Mexico as much more interesting and worthy of support than that on this coast, but it seems to me that a great mistake would be made now in letting this particular field lie fallow, especially since Mr. Crawford's death has seemed rather to have stirred up interest. It would practically amount to leaving his labor and sacrifice go for nothing. The beginnings have been at first sufficiently discouraging here, and now that you have a good property, (secured, I am informed, mainly through Mr. Crawford's personal efforts, outside of help from the board,) and that there is an encouraging beginning it would seem to me that the thing to do is to make a determined push at this point, hold what we have, and strive for more — I think the chances for a good school here are much better than for any other place on the coast; and it

would be bad strategy to move Miss Burrows to Fuerte, which I am informed is contemplated under certain contingencies, and practically abandon the most promising territory. Mr. and Mrs. Bissell prefer to remain in their own place, which is natural, and their wishes should have great weight, but it seems to me that while some one is training for the work here it would be best policy rather to leave the Fuerte field in charge of some native teacher for a year than to leave this point, the key to the position on this coast—

I do not say this out of any desire to criticise or to meddle in what is not my business, but out of the interest I have in Mr. Crawford's work here, and my respect for Mrs. Crawford's judgement coupled with that of Miss Burrows, which coincides with my own as expressed above. I only suggest that the matter be investigated with more care than seems to have been given it.

Believe me that I shall be glad to help forward the work in any way that I shall be able.

I am

Very Truly Yours,

J. F. Stultz.

Hermosillo, June 10, 1894

Recd June 19

Howard H. Stutson

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Mr. H. H. Stutson,

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El Paso, Sep. 26, 1899.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton,

This is to inform you of my safe arrival in El Paso. I plan to enter at once upon the study of the language and am pleased and gratified to find myself in a place where the opportunity for usefulness is so great.

I shall appreciate the fellowship of such noble workers as are

Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

I am then glad to be here and at work. The school begins Oct. 2. I cannot well write at greater length now as I am to go out with Mr. Wright.

Yours very sincerely
H. W. Slutson.

Rev. Howard Stutson, S

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El Paso, Tex., Nov. 21, 1899.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton;

About eight weeks have elapsed since my arrival in El Paso and no doubt you would like some report from me. The work of the school is fairly under way and I have been engaged in it long enough to assure myself of the interest it has for me and the joy it affords. We have some especially fine young men in training here and it is an opportunity to be so placed as to

be able to help however little in molding their characters for the sake of Christ and His kingdom. My room is in the school building and I have some oversight of the young men enabling me to see a good deal of them outside of the class-room. I am assured of the importance of this work and trust that it will grow and increase in usefulness to become more and more a factor in the life of this people and in the growth of the kingdom in Mexico. I have felt from the first very strongly that I needed Spanish to be most useful and so I at once began to study it. No only the desire to have the

language for use has impelled me though that has been a principal consideration but in itself it is very beautiful and it is pleasant to study it and to look forward to its mastery. Especially do I delight to hear it sung it is so melodious and resonant. The boys are very fond of music and I regret that I am myself not musical. Most of the time when they have leisure some one of them is at the organ in the chapel and then there rises to my ears the notes of some familiar and often of some cherished hymn. Their love of music is also evidenced by the frequency with which one hears them thrumming on a guitar and singing to

it. In addition to my work the
in the class room I am study-
ing the language quite vigorou
by regularly devoting a part of
each afternoon when school is
in session to this task. Last
Saturday I took part in the
program of our literary so-
ciety having been asked to
give a selected reading in
Spanish. This I did reading
from Don Quixote that very
funny passage where the
knight charges the windmills
I assure you that with even
my little acquaintance with
the Spanish I can appreciate
the beauty and grace with
which this masterpiece is wri

ten. I can readily believe now what I have heard that much is lost through its translation into English. Though conscious that I made a good many mistakes in reading the portion, still it evidently did not lose all its funny qualities at my hands. As for my work I have a class in Greek one in Algebra and two in English besides tutoring a boy in Arithmetic who cannot keep up with his class, and a little daily drill besides. At Mr. Wright's suggestion I have also undertaken work in the jail. Two of the young men and myself go there

each Monday afternoon to hold a short service. Usually some of the ladies of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian Church accompany me and help in the singing. It is pitiable sort of work and yet I like to recall that it is that which rests under the Savior's special blessing. There are features of encouragement in it also. Last Monday there was greater quiet than we have met before. The obstacles are great as the prisoners are confined in a central cage three tiers high and we have access to the corridors only and must speak through the bars. Mr. Wright has in the past given attention to this work as time allowed and I am now glad he calls

any attention to it. Besides the service of song, Scripture reading and a short address and prayer both in English and Spanish (one of the young men leads in the latter) we distribute papers and periodicals among the prisoners which are very gladly received.

About two weeks after my arrival I went down to Caxas Grandes in Mexico one hundred and fifty miles distant to hold a service on the Sabbath there. We have undertaken to give them a service about once a month. Mr. Wright has work in the community and this makes it natural to 'annex' this field. The room in the hotel dining room was crowded that night and I felt a strange

thrill as I stood face to face with them; sojourners in a "strange" land. Many were Gentiles, many were Mormons from a neighboring colony but I have rarely if ever had a more attentive audience or felt more joy in preaching as I tried to tell them of the Heavenly treasure the seeking of which forms the true goal of human life.
The officials of the road furnished us transportation so we came the more easily go. And now let me close with my kind regards to yourself.

Ever yours sincerely
Howard Stutson

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El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4, 1899.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton,-

"We have recently held some special meetings of great interest. Mr. Morales, pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Mexico City has been with us for three days and during this time union meetings of the Spanish speaking evangelical churches of the city were held in the Congregational church. There was time for only five public services during his stay but from the first they were marked by a spiritual power, culminating in the ~~final~~ service held Sunday evening. From the first the attendance was good and at the final meeting what with chairs in the rear, in the aisles and in the vestibule, the house was scarcely able to contain them all and a few stood. ~~The element of~~ spiritual interest mentioned above was felt by all who brought a willing heart to the services. A gentleman who does not understand a word of Spanish had been asked to attend a service in the belief that he would be able

to receive a good deal of benefit from the meeting notwithstanding the great barrier of not knowing the language in which it was conducted. He came somewhat doubtful of the result but afterward testified heartily to his enjoyment of the service and to the spiritual interest which pervaded the assemblage and which he had felt. A word is certainly in place respecting the speaker of the occasion. Mr. Morales had been into New Mexico holding special services and sojourned with us these few days on his return. Though pastor of a church in Mexico City his influence is widely felt and his name is widely known throughout all this region. Mr. Morales is a speaker of very exceptional power, and conviction and heart searching are sure to await upon his utterance. This special power which has won him the place he holds in so many hearts dates from an experience of his in the meetings held some few years ago in Mexico by Mr. Moody. Though not understanding English, he went to the services with the expectation of receiving a blessing and such he did receive in very great measure. One large element in his power lies in the very carriage

and attitude of the man. He takes with him everywhere a sense of the Presence of God. One feels instinctively that in him is one who is emptied of self to be clothed upon with the power of God. Though only able to follow him in outline owing to the present state of my knowledge of Spanish it is easy to appreciate and understand his great powers as a speaker for such they certainly are. He is fluent, simple natural, forceful, cheery and strong in his utterance, and his addresses are full of biblical illustration. A look of interest and often of delight creeps over the faces of his hearers. He takes the old familiar stories of the Bible, the narratives and parables such as the tale of Achan's sin, of Gehazi's duplicity or the story of the healing of the paralytic borne by his four friends and let down into the midst through an opening in the roof, or the wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son, and tells them so simply and realistically as to give them a thrilling interest. The testimony of his listeners might, it would seem be summed up in these words, "It make me see it just as it happened". Undoubtedly here is the key of all

interesting and instructive address. In the first meeting the interest expressed itself in a very gratifying way when among a few who signified a desire for divine things was a woman whose life has seemed quite surrendered to evil. From this time the number who evinced a desire to begin to live for Christ, or professed a renewal of their former vows, or a desire for consecration to his service, rapidly grew. At the Sabbath service in the morning great interest was awakened among the children for whom the meeting was specially intended, and as it grew to a close a especially touching and significant feature of the occasion lay in the fact that several children led in prayers which showed in a very tender way that they as well as their elders, were being taught of the Spirit. At its close a great many of the young people came forward and earnestly dedicated their lives to the Master. As a result of these services the spiritual life of the church has been quickened in every particular, a desire to live closer to Christ is apparent and a good many are ready to unite with the church. We therefore can but thank our Heavenly Father

for His mercy and goodness and take fresh courage in the work and plan for still larger things. There are other things of interest of which I might write but they must await another occasion as I am warned that I have already written to sufficient length.

Very truly yours,
H. H. Stukon.

Chas. H. H. Dickson, 5

El Paso, Dec. 4, '99

Horace T. Wagner

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Apartado 13, Guadalajara, Mex.,

Rev. Drs. Clarke and Barton, Oct. 15, 1894.

Congregational House, Boston.

My dear Brethren:— I should have written sooner, but on account of slightly changing my plans, by request of the Missionaries, I also went to Parral which delayed my arrival at Guadalajara until Oct. 5.

Coming down the Raton Mts. N. M. the mail and baggage cars and engine, four train, were ditched, the chair car being ready to follow. We all escaped very fortunately, only a few being dangerously hurt.

I arrived at El Paso Sept. 8. I found the workers well and contented. The Knights are quite enthusiastic about the school. I regard this an important location for the school and mission station on account of the link which El Paso makes between the U. S. & Mex, and between S. E. and S. W. U. S. It is and will remain a R. R. centre, offering all sorts of opportunities for work amongst Americans and Mexicans and Europeans.

The school is in a prosperous condition. The students number 16, I believe, apparently faithful and able to be trained for the work they are to undertake. I highly appreciate the manual department in printing and carpentry in connection with the scholastic work. It offers them invaluable skill, makes labor to appear honorable to them, keeps them in a position so as to be more able to appreciate the value of even the lowliest of their fellowmen. The practice they get in S. S. and C. E. work, in prison work, and the more advanced in preaching, open air meetings etc in connection with the theoretical, commends itself.

I arrived at Chihuahua Sept. 14. Was astonished to see all the oriental customs. The Eaton's seem to have especially acquired the esteem of the higher as well as the lower class of people. They are full of zeal for the work. Have a patriotic spirit at for Mexico, especially for Chihuahua. Chihuahua feels the wave of the American tide of progress. I had not expected to find such a fine Prot. church building in Mexico.

On account of request by Revs. Wright, Eaton, and Alds, I left Chihuahua for Parral, to see the work there and at its outstations. After an 8 hrs. delay on the R.R. on account of a freight train's accident ahead of us, a days stay with Mr. Mata (Mex. Evangelist at Jimenez) and a 19 hrs. straight ride on the diligencia, I reached Parral.

Here I found the Alds and Miss Prescott, the workers much devoted. The characteristic most appreciable here was the application of the Apostolic method. We had planned to go to a number of the outstations but continuous rains and consequent swollen rivers left us few opportunities for doing so. However, I saw enough of outstation work to see the value of doing aggressive work at mining towns, ranches, etc and then have the converts themselves conduct S.S., C.E. and services under the supervision and occasional visit of the missionary.

Returning to Jimenez from Parral, I had to stop over another day at Jimenez. They had an evening service. The work is carried on by Mr. Mata graduate from El Paso. He gains rapid ground among the people, is able, and in earnest.

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The location of this mission is important. The room in which the meetings are held is well adapted. ~~By account~~ According to Mexican custom of building the front room of the house is even with the side walk, the windows can be opened and closed like a door. So is this room in which the services are held bordering on the pavement with one door and one window. The playing, singing, praying and ~~singing~~ preaching, can be heard about as well on the street as inside the room. As most Mexicans are afraid or lack courage to attend the service, they are nevertheless seeking to learn, out of curiosity or honest inquiry, what Prot. have to say. ~~Streets meetings~~ Services in the streets are not permitted in this country. Hence, the importance of having the room for services located as is this, where ~~they~~ the laws are obeyed, yet all the street gatherings can hear every word. Again, this place is located only one block from the market place, to which people are going to and fro all evening, and passing, will stop and listen and on looking into the room will read the motto, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." As a result of such location, I noted what might be seen at each place of Evangelical worship in this country if such opportunity to the passers-by was given to listen. There were in the room only 18 but outside there were all along from 15 to 40 and of and on 100 or more. Yet, these outsiders could not be induced to come into the room. I notice at each church the outside of the door is crowded with bystanders to listen and if more doors and windows were there where people could gather and listen without entering, the number, hearing the Gospel for the first time and again and again, would not only be doubled or trebled but I believe the number of public confessions made ~~for~~ of sin might likewise be increased.

I reached Guadalajara Oct. 5. On nearing this city and noticing the numerous church towers and magnificent structures, and, since, I have heard the almost continuous pounding of bells for hours, and seen the the statues, the pictures etc in the churches with the scores of people going in and out continuously, falling prone before the pictures of Madonnas, Saints, etc, with eye intent upon the same, with the voices murmuring, and the lips kissing the floor after apparently having repeated all the mummings to the rules of each bead of the two or more strings in the neck; and then again after seeing the Sabbath kept as any working day, the suffering of the poor and slaves, the dishonest and stealthy character of the people etc, I feel like saying with Paul, ~~these [illegible] of Paul~~ "ye are somewhat superstitious".

Mr. Howland's Church is a finished, spacious building, centrally and prominently located. Dr. Magdaleno is doing a good work. The attendance at the services at present ranges from 50 to 75. He is quite an able man, faithful, patient. I can testify to the latter from his continuous and various efforts to teach me the Spanish.

I noticed as characteristics of the Mexican audiences at the various places and services that there is an apparent eagerness to hear and willingness to have a service prolonged, the men outnumber the women, the C. E. meetings are the best attended and most enthusiastic, the orderliness is to be commended and the singing superior to most home mission churches.

I was impressed with the approbation the missionaries are receiving from all classes of people, though they do not fully approve of the Prot. work, yet the day seems to be gained so that they do in a sense honor the work and public functionaries favor the same.

The work is begun, bound to stay. The school, the church buildings, the converts, and the popular impressions made, are good seed, soon to ripen in time into a glorious harvest.

Questions that suggested themselves to me are as follows. (1) How can the number of students at the training school be increased? The building is prepared for more. A teacher can just as well teach a class of 10 as a class of 5 or so. The expense of boarding and clothing the students is lessened per capita as the number is increased. The field is ready, need great, for such men to go out. The work conducted by Sr. Ibanez at Juarez, by Sr. Mata at Jimenez proved to me the success of these evangelists. Are there no more men to be found with the ability and spirit to be educated for this work? (2). What could be done in the way of educating young men at each or every other mission, as there is for the girls, from which to select those who are to go to the El Paso training School. No one disputes the work of the Girls Schools and the work they do after leaving schools in C. E., home, etc. Should not boys with a limited education going out as laymen in the mines, ranches, etc do a similar work? Would it be feasible to have such preparatory school for boys, say at every other mission, and a girls at the other station of every other mission, then as the smaller boys and girls can go to the same school, selections from the junior schools can be made for the middle and senior school for boys, and for girls, from which middle school for boys the ones to continue their studies at El Paso might be selected. This looks as if it would incur a heavy expense, but it would not add so much to the expense, only a different arrangement to adapt itself for the educating of the boys as well as the girls.

(3). In the way of doing more aggressive work with native talent, I asked myself, could 2 or more bands be selected from each C. E. Society or church to conduct meetings in homes, - rooms bordering on the Street as Sr. Mata's at Jiménez, - a number of blocks away from the church and thus reach many who lack courage or willingness to come to the church proper? This would add expansiveness to the work, give more confidence amongst the natives that the work was here to stay and grow, also give many an honest though shy seeker after truth, like Nicodemus, an opportunity of hearing the pure Gospel in a place where no one knew him. Later such as would become converted would come to church. Again as there is more or less caste spirit here as there is in N.Y. City, the Fifth Ave. people do not go to the first Ave. church and vice versa, would not such services meet such prejudice amongst the unconverted, and, to do away with all caste prejudices amongst the converts, have all who want to join church join only at the church proper. Not only would this reach many new hearers but put the converts to work, thus, keeping them from evil by doing good.

Guadalajara, Oct. 15, '94
Recd Oct. 22

I have had many favorable disappointments with respect to the Mexicans, the nature and success of the Lord's work here. I have thus far found the climate very agreeable to me. Am pleasantly situated in the neat, inviting and comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Howland. Found genial co-workers in all the stations, I visited. Have felt the inspiration coming thro the native converts, and a deep longing as I preached and spoke to them thro an interpreter to be able to speak their tongue and help them by leading them to Him who came to seek and save, bodily, mentally, and spiritually, all people, unto a blessed temporal and eternal life. Am now studying Spanish with a Prof. Yours in His service,

Horace J. Wagner.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 12-2
Ans'd 1-3-95

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Apartado 13,
Guadalajara, Mex.,
Nov. 28, 94.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

I have received both of your letters, the one addressed to Chihua., and the other to Guad.

I have certainly found the missionaries, ~~the missionaries~~ I have met in our work, a hearty and energetic set of workers, full of sympathy, and men who take a statesman yet Christian view of mission work. As far as I know them, and myself, I would not expect anything unpleasant by working with any one of them. The method followed by our men of not entering any town or city for mission work, wherein any other denomination may already have taken up the work, could not be too soon followed by the workers of all denominations. Especially so, as long as there are so many open, yet unoccupied, fields. It always seemed to me that a preaching of the Gospel to all people in the quickest way feasible was not only the ~~best~~ but also Christ's way and command. Frequently, there are at unoccupied places or towns those whom the spirit has prepared for the message and hearing the message will honestly confess their faith publicly. This will help lift up Christ that all may have the privilege, it will raise up some native converts from which to select such as may be suited to be prepared for regular workers.

The men at work have laid a good and broad foundation for the work. The fanaticism overcome, the respect gained, the first fruits of converts, the church structures, the training school for workers and the girls' schools; and ~~the~~ "El Testigo"; show me what rubbish they have cleared away and what bridges built, for a more effectual highway of His coming to enter into the hearts and homes of these people. These foreshadow, everything else being equal, more visible results for the future. Schools for boys seem to be to me still very necessary, beyond that with the little means at hand and the nature of the people, little could ~~needs to be~~ added but to develop and enlarge in the lines laid out. Were the means at hand no doubt industrial schools, medical aid ~~aid~~, and the church work run on an institutional plan, as some are in City missions in the States, would prove very helpful toward overcoming prejudice, winning people for Christ, and with such broad training make the work more and sooner self-supporting. But, no doubt, the people are not yet ripe for such work, or the means are not at hand to carry it forward successful.

I see a greater need for mission work in Mex., than I had expected. This becomes doubly visible to any inspector or student of this country, in the abundance of evil and the lack of spiritual life in Christ. The shiftlessness and sufferings of the people, their ignorance

and superstition, their laxity in morals and formal and material worship, is to be seen by most American Christians, Evangelical and R. C., in order to be believed. To see the actual need one needs to see the past and present circumstances of the people and their religious state. With the Spanish conquest came their religion. It mixed with the Aztec religion and Christianity itself became partly paganized. The Lady of Guadalupe took the place of Mary in honor. With the suppression of the liberties of the people, came the deceitfulness, ~~they~~ thievishness, lasciviousness, and that lack of ambition for the nobler and better, for which the Mexicans are notorious. These characteristics entered still more into the religious life, and the religious worship to adapt itself accordingly became more material; until the natural outgrowth of Materialism, atheism, agnosticism etc., which are now beginning to spread the country, was at hand. As it was in France so in Mexico, only more so I fear, the tide is rapidly falling into the current of infidelity. Yet the possibility is in their souls for Christ, whom we preach, to redeem them and make them more like him till they shall appear as He is. This is a critical stage. In a sense the people are more ready for the pure Gospel than they ever may have been, but also in greater danger. Shall the current sweep the country or will the Christian forces come to rescue?

It appears to me great as the fanaticism still is at Guad— that R. C. is slowly dying out. On all Souls' day their custom always was to have prayers offered, in the cemetery, by the priest, for the dead.

Of course the priest would not pray without pay.
The number of regents that formerly came in for
this purpose were so large as to occupy the ~~people~~ priests
all day. Last year for the first time, I was over, the
number of regents was so small as to take only
the greater part of the day. This year Magdalena and
I went there to see it. There was nothing the bustle
of the ~~day~~ afternoon. Shows the people are losing faith. Like-
wise, I frequently go into the churches when the
drove most etc. I notice about ten women to one man,
and of the men there are only a small proportion who
strike one as very aggressive. Besides the better looking
will not go through all the demonstrations, but apparently
only to keep up the form of the thing. I am told that nearly
all of the students are unbelievers. A pity that they
can not be reached by evangelical teaching beforehand.
In our church the men outnumber the women by
about four to one. Though most of these men are of
the poorer classes, yet they have a progressive spirit.
This is seen from the fact that all of them with a few
exception can read well and write, not in the S.S. Yet, the
number of men in Mex. state can read is small, per-
haps only twelve to one.

A letter from Rev. Haulland states that they
expect to return to Zacat. about Dec. 12. Though
I feel very contented now, yet, I shall also be
very glad when they come. I have a number of
things to ask and to learn from him. Some of my
ideas doubtless would not work with the nature of
the work, but others may be helpful and with
Haulland's ripe judgment and experience of years may
be of some advantage in the work. It no doubt is
good for missionaries that they have first to learn a
language as this offers opportunity to learn the
customs, life, and spirit of the people, before he attempts
to teach them. Yet, there are just as necessary the need for
wise and successful presentation of Christ as to the lan-
guage, as it appears to me. I am desiring away at Spa-
nish and shall no doubt find it little by little. It is a
good opportunity to be with Mr. Magdalena. Brothers are all well.

Yours sincerely, H. T. Wagner.

Guadalajara, Nov. 28, 1894.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-13-95
Ans'd —15—



Parral, E. de CHIHUAHUA, March, 5, 1895.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of Jan. 3, just reached me, its delay being caused because it did not come into Mr. Howlands box, apartado 13. On account of some what strange P.O. Customs here Mr. H. did not know of a letter being there for me.

I had intended to write to you before I left Guadalajara but did not happen up to the present. I certainly agree with you as to the point of preaching the gospel to all people in the quickest way, and I presume that I did not state plainly what I meant by that in my last letter. What I had in mind was the work of some boards in Mex. who continuously crowd into the fields already occupied by Prot. missionaries, and it seems some Miss. make almost as much effort to get other Protestants join their ranks as they do to convert people from sin unto Christ. I left Guadalajara a few days before your letter reached Mr. H., I wanted to see the mission work in the cities of Mexico, Puebla, etc, and also reach Parral as soon as possible. In the meantime Mr. H. communicated with me as to your response of my transfer. Mr. H. agreed with me as being, perhaps, a wise step for me to take before going to North Mex., as I took the extra trip on my own expense, and lost only one week of time in seeing something of the mission work of five other boards in three of the largest cities in the country, meeting most of the ordained missionaries, and attending a session of the Presbyterian conference.

On account of circumstances at Parral, of which you are aware, Mr. O. and I are ~~boarding ourselves as well as~~ managing our own housekeeping. I think we are getting along as well as could be expected. It is a little hard to get ~~things~~ victuals at Parral, except by paying enormous prices, and this being Lent ~~with the people here~~, we have to observe it with ~~them~~ the people. ~~For~~ Meat which before was plenty and cheap enough can hardly be found now. However, our cooking ingenuities have not failed us, and for the last ten days, besides our coffee, tea, and bread, we have subsisted almost entirely on oatmeal, ~~an~~ and pancakes for breakfast; AND ON. beans and sweet potatoes

toes for dinner, and tea. To change the bill of fare a little we have sweet potates and beans one day and beans and sweet potates the next.

I understand that there is another teacher coming to Parral to assist Miss. Prescott. I suppose that will mean that Parral will get a boarding school. This field strikes me as having an unusual number of young people. Most of which remain uninstructed, except those at Parral and Zaragoza. Though there are also a few outsiders boarding in the school here, supported by the missionaries. A few weeks ago a teacher was taken to Corral de Piedras. She is not by any means prepared to take such responsibility upon herself, but from what we see and hear she is doing splendid work. Such a step ~~nih~~ might not be approved of by everybody but what is best? to give them a teacher who can at least accomplish something or leave the children of our own people altogether in ignorance? There are about 20 in that school, and more are expected. At another ranch where there are about 30 children, they want a teacher and they likewise are willing to pay most if not all the expenses. They had even engaged a girl to teach. She was not at all ~~fitted~~ instructed for the work, and we were ~~rather~~ glad that she did not go. BUT THE PEOPLE ARE getting somewhat dissatisfied because nobody is sent to help, but as there are no teachers at hand what can be done? These are the children of our own members and at places where there are no other schools of any sort. ~~at all.~~

THE bible agent was with us last week, and gave us an idea of the work between this place and that of Bro. Bissell's at Fuerte. There never was any work done between these fields except what the bible agent accomplished. In a few words the ~~the~~ nature of the ~~the~~ field seems as follows: the country is thinly settled, but there are

quite a number of scattered little mining towns all the way across the Sierra Madre. The people are very ignorant, indulge in drunkenness and are consequently very poor. At one place he sold a number of bibles several months ago. The priest, on discovering it, ordered the people to burn the bad books at once. OF COURSE MOST OF the people did so. ~~at once~~. Later on the bible agent came to the same place, and those who burned their bible only a few weeks before were ~~again~~ very anxious to buy the bible again. THE priest threatened them again with all sorts of infernal damnations for buying such books and reading them. He would even not have anything to do with his own best friends who only need the literature and still claimed to be more R. C. ~~THAN PROTES~~ tant. Many of the people met from time to time to study the bible and evangelical literature which the priest termed cursed and assured that it would curse them. A few weeks ago the bible agent spend the sabbath there. THE people wanted a meeting and though the agent does not pretend to preach, he conducted a service. There were present in the morning ~~THE~~ some 40 and some 50 in the evening. THE ~~peo~~ people say they are poor (and are too) but they say that ~~wan~~ they want some one to teach them what evangelical christianity is and are willing to pay a man to do so. THE Place is about eight days horseback from Parral and about HALF WAY TO Mr. B. field. We are the nearest missionaries to the place, but there seems to be no body to be send to them and for the worker at this place to go only once or twice a year from this place would put the work at this place to so much more disadvantage, and hardly be sufficient, if no native worker can be put ther, to establish that work at all wisely. The Parral field itself ought to have a native worker at Zaragoza, a prospering field some fifty miles from Parral. There are 25 members and 7 candidates to be received. They talk of buying a lot to build a church. There are a few ranches six and eighteen away from Z. that might be worked in connection. There are some six other places from eight to forty five miles away from PARRAL, where

meetings are regularly held by the miss. here so that it is almost impossible to teach the people, as they ought to be taught, in those ~~too~~ necessarily delayed meetings.

I wish you would forward to Miss Della M. McCORD, 129East 29thSt., N.Y. City, the necessary papers to be filled out by expectant female missionaries. I expect her to become Mrs. Vagner next fall if accepted by the board. I write this not knowing if it is the proper way for me to apply in her place or no, if it is not the proper way you will no doubt inform her or me what to do in regard to the matter. I think perhaps that she would prefer to have only the medical papers attended to at present as she is still employed in mission work in N.Y. City, and would like to keep the matter secret as long as possible. However it might be well to inform her what all would be necessary to do be-fore she could be fully appointed.

Parral, March 5, 1895. Rec'd.

I am not making the proper progress in Spanish here but I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET A DESIRABLE TEACHER TO COME REGULARLY. I have spoken to Mr. O. about it and we do not know right how to manage it. I am all the time studying but I mean that I have not succeeded in having a teacher to come it all regularly. I had a teacher perhaps the best to be had here, but he is so irregular that it helps very little. We have another man in mind whom I expect to get as soon as he returns to Parral. I know that studying the language is my work at present, and we are doing the best we think possible to have a proper teacher. I preached in Spanish the other sunday and expect to do so the next sunday. I am just beginning to write on the machine, with a good deal of difficulty, but I hope you will be able to get the meaning.

Mr. Allen & Miss Prescott are both well and much devoted to their work.

Yours truly, Horace T. Wagner.

J. L. B.
8-21-95



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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Missionary, Alden B. Case.

Outstations: Allende. Las Cuevas. Zaragoza.

Parral - Chihuahua; Aug. 13: 1895.

My dear Dr. Barton;

Your letter of the other week is in my hands. I was very glad to learn so soon of Miss McCord's appointment as we expect to meet each other at El Paso by sept 1, and reach our field of labor by the middle of Sept., so that there is very little time left for making arrangements, especially as it is not yet known at what place to settle, Cusihuriachic or Guerrero.

Mr. Eaton was expecting to go with me to investigate the field & introduce me but on account of his vacation and the coming vacation of his helper he thinks he can not go for the present so that I shall doubtless be going with some Mexican to inspect the place and field before that I go to El Paso.

I took $110 last year but we shall not need to take the remainder of our allowance up to more than two or three hundred dollars. We both wish that we could not need to take any under the financial condition of the Board at present. Have ordered our goods from Chicago and Dr. Hitchcock will forward the bill to Boston.

The ladies have been on their vacation for some time but expect their back before their leave, and with the hope of having a home of our own soon, shall live "bitching" a good good bye.

Yours cordially,

H. J. Wagner.

Chihuahua, Aug. 13. '95

C. H. D.
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C. Guerrero,
E. de Chihuahua,
Mexico,
Nov. 14, 1895.

Dear Dr. Carlton:—

We reached to our station about five weeks ago and have been kept very busy ever since getting a house, arranging it, and the conveniences necessary to it, and our own goods.

We feel fairly well encouraged as to the future cause of the Lord's work in this place.

Mrs. Wagner has not yet had much time to devote to the study of the Spanish. She took 2 classes in English one for boys and one for girls. The second meeting for the boys was last night and attended by 30. All of them are a little

more

Chihuahua, Nov. 13, '95

or less than 12 years of age.

Please inform me as to the best means of securing a good stereopticon with biblical views, and as to the price of the stereopticon and the views, or should you prefer to notify some honest firm when the missionaries succeed best in getting them all right.

I know Dr. Barton is in Japan at present but as I did not know the man in his place, I addressed this to him.

Yours cordially,

H. J. Stagner.

and H.E.S.

P.S. Should it be possible to secure S.S. picture rolls of the international lessons of this and past years from some S.S. which has already used them, I should be thankful to receive some to be used in the missionary work.

H. J. Wagner.

Rev. H. J. Wagner.

Chihuahua, Nov. 14, 1895.

Rec'd Nov. 26.

C.Guerrero,E.de Chihuahua,Mexico,
May 11, 1896.

To Whom it may concern;

Will give a few words as to the place,nature of the country nearby,people,and such matters as.I hope might be useful to a physician expecting to come to this place.

Guerrero is situated 120 miles west of Chihuahua,which is its nearest r.r.station,reached by stage in two days,which runs twice a week . The altitude of the place is about 7000feet above the sea level,and consequently our climate is unexpectedly cold for so south a place.The winters are rough ,though the thermometer only comes down to zero,on account of the high sierra mts.south and west of us, we have very constant and cold high winds. The summers are splendid, nights always cooland the days hardly ever as hot as in N.Y. City.

The town is the head of a large district and might compare it with the U.S.county seats. It is surrounded by a rich agricultural district,mining towns within a day and more of travel,and other parts are deserts,mts, woodland,etc.The population of the town is 2000 with about 4000 more within a distance of 15 miles as you find the people in smaller towns,ranches,etc.The place strikes me as though there was a good future for it.A company has already the rights to build a railroad to come here from El Paso,Texas,which would take one to the U.S. in about eight hours,mean a daily mail,and the reception of letters in five days from N.Y. City,a large increase of population here(as this would become the headquarters for commercial and other busines for an immense district). Parts of the measurements of the road have been made. Should the r.r. come they would need a little hospital and it would give a Dr. an additional opportunity.

There is no doctor here,though two mexicans here do something of the kind,but even they do not pretend to be doctors.And,unless another doctor comes in here before the one receiving this letter , you would find little difficulty with them. The nearest Dr. is fifty miles away,so that there would be a district of over three thousand and more square miles to yourself with a population of 20,000 more or less,and in some directions people would come here to be cured for a distance of one hundred miles and this still being their nearest Dr.

There was a scotch Dr. here for some four years ,married to a mexican lady,he is the one now fifty miles from here.He told me that there was on an average about one hundred and twenty dollars (Am.) here for a man every month. I think he is a good man but was a little carless to attend to his business and once and while be away for two and more months so that the pepie could not well depend on him,or else I think that his income would have been more.Dr.McClellan of N. Y.state was her the last six months but on account of altitude and other matters had very reluctantly to give it up,though he desired very much to stay for the money there was in it.Can not tell how much he made but know that he made visits of only 20 miles to see a sick one and came back with fiftyand he had many cases,I think I dare say that in those six months he received $1000 in american money(I reduce all my money figures to american money in this letter).However I think that he charged most too high prices,but it shows the prospect for a man.Besides there is a great romm here for a drug store which neither one of these doctors had though the latter one said

that if he would stay here, he would put a drug store here and expect to make as much out of that as he did out of his practice.

Now of course it is not our object to get a man here to make money, I only gave above figures so as to give an understanding as to what a man can do for a living. We expect a man who has given himself to the Lord and to use his talents for his service in that line. We believe that there is a great field here for a man who wants to do so. We believe that there is a field that a doctor can do as much good from a selfsupporting standpoint as he could at most any place even if send by the Board and even do some saving for himself and family. We think it better that a man come without being send by the board as he is less likely to meet with opposition from the romanists, though I think he would even then have not very serios trouble. The people are rather superior mexicans, quite liberal, desirious for american civilization, and we have great hopes that there will be a goodly number who will soon want to espouse the gospel, as we have access to hold meetings at some twelve different points, and our audiences in Guerrero now almost average fifty on the sunday evenings. In fact we believe that we have the good will of nearly one third the people, they may still be romanists however in confession on account of it being the religion of their fathers, society is on that side, and it is yet the religion of the country. etc.

Of course you can not expect to find american civilization here but improvements are being made all along. You can rent of the best places in the town including your office for at lest fifteen dollars in Am. we pay only twelve or $6.50 in american money. Meat costs about six cents per pound, and flour is almost the same as at home. A good deal of fruit here during august and september, that is peaches, quinces, and apples, beyond this you can not depend on much at this place in that line unless you send for it to Chihuahua, or elsewhere, of course there are stores here for nearly everything besides but you can have most everything send cheaper from Chicago by having quite a lot come together.

I might also state that if your wife would wish to teach english, music or such, that there is a good opening here for it with a fair recompense but not enough to depend much on it.

The diseases most prevalent are private diseases, the last doctor told me that he believed that about onehalf or more had at some time or other been so diseased, stomach troubles, catarrh, eye trouble, small pox which however does not generally effect the natives so seriously beyond leaving its mark, pneumonia, etc.

A man would want to lay in a pretty good stock of medicine and instruments, glasses, etc. It is best to buy or have all these send from the U.S. Save money & have better quality.

In sending, goods of the same class ought to be put in the same box and not mixed up more than necessary on account of the thorough examination it has to undergo at Cuidaad Juarez on crossing the line at El Paso. It should be well marked addressed in your own or my name, to C. Guerrero, E. de Chihuahua, Mexico, in care of T.J. Wood-side at Cuidad Juarez, (He is the custom house agent at the border whom most of our missiomaries employ to see our goods through) and at Chihuahua, (Rev. J.D. Eaton generally has my things attended and I take the liberty in stating that

ther it might be recommended to

him in order that he might hand it over to some one to attend to . They duty if you bring much household goods and medicine may run up to one or two hundred dollars and is to be paid at the last station which is Chihuahuawhere you would need to have some understanding with Mr Eaton or in whose care that you would send it at that place for forwarding it to Guerrero,that that duty would get paid there.The duty on medicine I think is about about fifteen cents a pound weighing with it or making perhaps no allowance for the weigh of bottles.Instruments should go free or with a very little duty as sientific instruments in general go free and I know of some who got medicine through aboutfree through some arrangements with the governor,for which we might try should you let us know in time beforehand but could not promise that we would succed.

As to household goods and clothing it is almost safe to say that you can have it send cheaper from the U.S. and pay the duty and yet have it cheaper than you can buy it here,-and better to at lest more as you want it.Of course very ordinary things you can make or have made here,-lumber is cheap.

I gave the above information hoping that it might be useful to some one willing to come down and help us to propagate the gospel,and I feel pretty certain that should a good doctor come that within a few years the gospel would have had entrance into nearly every family of this whole region,of course I do notmean that all would really acceptit,and yet I have faith to believe that in the majority of cases the results of the gospel even if not in prefession wousdat lest be noticeable in its fruits.

We shall be very glad to give any further information and do what we can for the man or man and family coming.

Yours sincere G.
Horace T. Wagner.

The language here is Spanish, without a teacher you would learn it well enough as to get along well and usefully you can get an interpreter for about $10 a month. H. T. W.

C.Guerrero,E.de Chihuahua,Mexico,May 11'

Dear DR.Barton;

I write especially with the object to see if it would be possible for you or some one as well concerned in our common cause to procure a good christian doctor to come to this place.For that purpose I include the other letter which you way use as a whole or in part in informing some man or men that you may have in view. I of course do not mean that he be send by the board unless it would want to do so (but I would not recommend him to be send by the board) as their is no reason why a doctor could not be self supporting here as matters are and look for the future,as you can see by my letter,and yet we would desire a man that the board would be willing to send out. We doubt whether this place will be open for any length of time for a doctor and so write hastily. We had another man in view but on account of his pastor and sweetheart refusing it he says he can not come.So that we should be exceedingly glad to hear from you or some man who may be glad for the opportunity. I give some what extended information in the letter in order that no more time than is necessary may be lost in corrresponene,however shall be glad to give any further information htat may be desired by you or the man interested.

We are very anxious that he be a good christian man believing that if he be,so that he could on accountof the healing qualities do more toward opening doors of romanist that we can.We had in mind writing to DR.Doukonnt of N.Y.City but thought it better to write to you knowing that it would then receive the best of attention. Should the man have had experience in partice or hospital,all the better.

We are very happy in our work and though we can not tell of many conversions,our audiences are increasing all along and we are getting access to new places all along too so,that we are hopeful for a good harvest befor long.The winters are rather rough so that one can not do as much touring during that time as he desices but expect to do a good deal of it shortly. We have at a number of points where we have got yet had meetings believers,who are preparing the people for meetings by and by.

Mrs Wagner has been hindered a good deal in getting the language on account of ill health and not being able to get proper help in the kitchen,but the latter has been helped and as summer is coming on think her health may toobecome better.

Yours cordially,

H. J. Wagner.

Chihuahua, Mexico, May 11, 96.

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C.Guerrero,E.de Chihuahua,Mexico,
July 20" 1896.

Dear Dr.Barton,,

I only write to ask if it were possible that some good christian physician may be known who would be willing to come here as doctor on the selfsupporting plan ,as I have no doubt but that he could make a good living and perhaps lay a little money by annually desides the good that he could do as a christian for the cause of Christ. *The is no real physician within 50 miles.*

We are all well and happy with nothing special,have been holding at four new places during the last month with quite encouraging success for the first meetings held at the same places.

Yours cordially,

H. L. Wagner.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-28-96
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Mrs. Horace J. Wagner

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-6-97
Ans'd Mar 3

La Colorada
El. de Sonora.
Mex.
Feb. 27-1897.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

As my husband is quite occupied and "Conference" will meet in this place soon, I feel it necessary that you should know the condition of the work here and at Guerrero, and will try to explain as best I can. You probably know that our first year was spent in the Guerrero field. Yes, we were there longer some fifteen months, and it was with reluctance that we left our work there to occupy this field for a few months. In the Guerrero field my husband preached in some twenty different towns during the last year and as nearly as he can tell to some twelve hundred different people. This may not seem

like a great number to you but when you take into consideration that there are some forty Catholic churches in that same region, the number may not seem so small.

We were also able to send out great numbers of bibles, tracts, and religious literature through our book store which has been helpful in many other ways. People coming to buy books remained to talk about the new religion (protestant) a few weeks before we left a very encouraging incident took place. While my husband was away "touring" a man came to buy school books and was also much interested in looking over our religious books. I asked him if he knew my husband. he said yes, but I have often heard him preach, and then told me how much he was interested and wanted to know more. I sold him one of the gospels and gave him some tracts and papers. a

week or two afterward he returned and wanted more religious literature he seemed to be "truly hungering and thirsting after righteousness". The town where the man lives is some twenty five miles from Ensenada, and so bigoted that none of the missionaries have ever been able to hold a service there. As neither Mr Wagner nor I had seen the man at our meetings we suppose he must have stood at the church door listening, as so many do in this country.

Many of the people are sincerely interested in our work but have not yet become members of the church. One of the richest and most influencial men of the town attends the services regularly and has bought tracts to give away in his store. At least one half of the principal merchants and many of the public authorities are protestant as to belief.

The field is a rich agriculture grazing, lumbering, and mining

district, with a population of some
thirty thousand.

In our church at Elmira
there are eighteen members and
twelve others whom we feel are
ready to be taken into the church.

We came here the first of Dec.
expecting to find a very different
field but am glad to say we find
it as open to receive the Gospel as
Elmira. There is but one catholic
church in this town which has
a population of six or seven thous-
and and buildings going up
rapidly. My husband canvassed
the town selling many bibles
and religious books, and found
no trouble in entering the homes.
Our services are well attended and
increasing all the while. There is
no missionary in the state which
is about as large as New York,
Pennsylvania, and Maryland com-
bined, and but four native workers.

My husband and I are very
anxious that you attend the coming
conference for the field is ripe
and the reapers few and I think

you can better understand the great need of a worker by visiting the place

La Colorada is rich in gold and silver mines and there are about four hundred Americans here at present. The Railroad comes direct from the states. Hermosillo is but a short distance from here can be reached by rail in two hours.

My husband and I are very happy in our work and have had good health. Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain

Very sincerely yours
Nella McC. Wagner

P.S. Conference meets the first week in April at Hermosillo and La Colorada. Train leaves Benson Arizona Territory in the morning and reach Hermosillo the same day.

Rev. Horace J. Wagner, 105

C. Guerrero,
E. de Chihuahua
Mexico.

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Dear Dr. Dorton: - Aug. 2/97.

Mr. Wright has forwarded a copy of your letter with respect to the probable appointment of Mrs. Crawford for the Sonora Field. I shall be very glad if the Board sees fit to do so. Having been there for five months, I doubt whether any other person could do as much for the cause as she can. She is loved by all the brethren and sisters and highly spoken of by the community.

If she locates in Hermosillo, I think a school would not be necessary as there are fairly good

public schools.

In La Colorada where most of the members live and where the mission has property also, a school is much needed and desired. There was, when we left, no girls school though the population is about 5,000. But it is a mining town and may be short-lived.

At either place there is however sufficient work in visiting at such homes where a Christian worker can enter. I doubt whether any other of our fields offers such an extensive opportunity in that line.

Yours sincerely,
Horace T. Wagner.

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C.Guerrero, E. de Chihuahua, Mexico,

January 24, 1898.

My dear Dr. Brion,-

Your letter was duly received, though circumstances were such that I could not well answer it at once.

There was born to us, a little girl the thirtieth of October who however only staid with us for four days. Mrs. Wagner had been quite ill before its birth and the child was born too soon.

For nearly two weeks, I have been ill with laringitis and grip. I hope soon to be able to go out again.

After our return for five months stay in the Sonora field, we found the work here not only neglected, but in a somewhat bad condition. There having been really no one to oversee it or visit it.

During the last months the work has become very encouraging in many ways. Among many of our people christian growth is notable. The brethren and sisters are taking more active part in prayer and testimony. There is also some encouragement in the offerings, though circumstances have made money very scarce at this place. Sabbath observance is the least satisfactory, though a notable improvement. The attendance at all the services is increasing. Rarely have I seen such an active spirit in a congregation of working for and with others to bring them to the services and a full knowledge of the truth.

Our christmas services and the special services of the week of prayerwere largely attended, and the interest manifested by so many strangerswas more than expected. Our meeting room was often too small to accommodate all the people. The sunday after christmas five new members were received, representing three new families. About one hundred and fifty attended the service. At the same time a goodly number of new candidates were received. The sale of scriptures and christian literature, and the number of inquirers after the truth and for tracts to further inform themselves, has during the last month exceeded that of any in my experience anywhere.

Our enemy seems to have weakened lately so that the people in general seem more free to follow their hearts desire. All around circumstances are unusually favorable for rich blessings in christian development and the ingathering of a harvest later.

The outstations and other places where meetings are frequently held are many and some very promising. However sickness and other circumstances have not permited us to do much for them the last months. As they have no workers the real progress is not fast. Sr. Pina, travelling evangelist, supported by varios means of this field, reports of very encouraging openings, about five days horseback ride from here into the mountains.

I suppose you are aware of the mission property at Cusihur-chic. Property which was bought about six years ago for some three thousand dollars silver. The mining town soon went down so that property was hardly worth anything. Lately it received a boom again and as the railroad coming to Guerrero will will pass not far from there, property is increasing in value. I received an indirect notice of parties being interested in buying it at cost price. The propert is one of the best in the town, but if we keep it a good deal of repairing will be necessary soon. and as it is a mining town the boom may not last long. I can only give my own opinion till conference meets in March, but think it best to try to sell it during the year while several causes combine to raise the values of property there. I fel quite certain that the mission will gladly sell it at cost if no more can be gotten. The place is now worked as an outstation from this and no doubt always will be so as this is larger, more central and lasting.

Would it be possible to use the money of that property for placing a new man into the Sonora fields? Of course the money of the property would only support a man or family for about two years and unless the Board sees brithter things ahead complications might later arise as to where his support then would have to come from.

Yours very sincerely,

Horace F. Wagner.

Chihuahua, Jan. 24, 1898

L. L. B.
Rec'd 8-16-98
Ans'd

Via Hermosillo,
Nogales, Arizona Terr. & de Sonora, Mex.

Dear Dr. Barton:- Aug. 10/98.

It is sometime since I received your letter and I shall try to answer more promptly in the future. After my return to C. Guerrero from the conference at El Parral, I had everything ready for a two months trip through the mountain towns, when I received a telegram to await next mail which brought news that advised us at once, if feasible, to move to this place, where the conference desired us to come after the great heat. We moved as soon as possible and of course the intended trip was given up. The cause was that the M. E. South native preacher, near here, started out independently, taking the church property and nearly all the congregation with him. Since the M. E. S. have gotten the property back, and the congregation has not made much progress on either side. It was feared on

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account of his former action in our field and congregation that he might attempt to do the same with our work. The attempt was made as to the members but I do not think we actually lost any yet, in fact there are not many left to lose.

We were sorry to leave that wonderfully open field of Guerrero, which gives far more promise than any of the three other stations where I was stationed when first ~~coming~~ came to the country. The best native worker we have has been put there and I doubt not, but that he will do a good work. However how faithfully he will attend to some twenty places to be visited, we have yet to learn.

This field as far as I can learn from the experience we had for a few months the other year and now, as well as from other workers and past records has given promise but very little fruit.

that seems to be about the state of affairs at present. The Crawfords' commenced the work in this state, worked faithfully for eight years, and were much loved by the people. The same is true of the Cases who however could endure the climate for but a short period. The native workers, who during the ~~intermediate~~ intervening periods occupied the field, were faithful and consecrated.

Romanism does not seem to be so strong, though there are many priests and they are related with a large number of the population. They also have a large seminary plant and a number of students. However the greatest difficulty to me seems to be the indifference spiritual. The mining town, sixty miles by R.R. gives more promise. There are also some points, four and five days travel on horseback from here, which are very promising according to the report of the Bible Societies'

colporteur. However we is limited by the great distance, difficult travel, workers and ~~too~~ means to put men there to occupy such points. I expect next month to visit a work which sprang up largely by itself and as far as we know seems to be one of the Lord's modern miracles.

I see from our secretarie's letters, Mr. Wright, that you would like to have each man's opinion as to the location of the training school.

The following is the way the subject appeals to my judgment.

There is in favor of having it in El Paso

1- The fact that it was placed there. This was done before I was a member of the mission, but as far as I can learn this was caused principally through the union of the three Societies. The Home Missionary society has now withdrawn, and according to the desired request of rent on the part of the Educational Commission, it seems to have abandoned said arrangement.

2. We are located where there is an established plant and where the school work and that of the church compares very favorably with that of the girls schools in our mission and the work of the churches at other places. Should the school be moved and no American (which could not be expected under the financial circumstances of the Board) be placed there to manage the church work it would go to pieces within a few years. As to the school plant word now comes that we please buy the plant or pay a justifiable rent. This leaves us then just as much <u>without</u> a <u>plant at El Paso</u> <u>as in Mexico</u>, except that buying or renting, <u>it</u> would <u>at once</u> be ready and <u>no moving</u> expenses. As to the school supplies El Paso is favorable but this is a small item for the limited number of pupils we have, and the duty on the same for importing into Mex. not so high I think. The expenses incurred by moving would no doubt soon be regained by the shorter distance of travel

necessitated to travel from the homes of the students to the school and from there to their homes, vacation, and permanent location. As to the church work, we have now but a very provisional place for worship and with the school continued there (which of ~~is~~ itself increases the audience by some fifty) an edifice will soon be necessary and such a one as the congregation is not likely to be able to build itself. I think a native can do as good work there as at most other places, and if not, the work is only likely to go to other evangelical churches, and not lost, which is all the better than the places we have in this country in the hands of natives (just as likely to dwindle as in El Paso but do not expect it) and the people turn to indifference or back to Romanism.

3. El Paso is a strategic point and central. It was central when under the three societies but since they left, it is at an angle of the triangular shape of the territory we occupy. It is a strategic point from an American business standpoint but not

for a Mexican ~~people~~ population and less so for the population of our people, and the places we draw and are most likely to draw our pupils and need them after finishing their course. El Paso has only Juarez as an outstation, a work of little promise, and now San Buenaventura just as near to Chihuahua and Guemero and easier and cheaper reached from the latter two as soon the R.R. being extended, gets on a little farther, and then almost as near to Parral as to El Paso. Nearly all of the present pupils are from the Parral, Guemero, and Chihuahua fields. El Paso gives two or three day scholars, more a matter of convenience, and would perhaps not be accepted if they had to be accepted as internals. Future progress as our work is now developing is likely to make central Chihuahua or even southern Chihuahua still more central for our work as a whole and as the fields of the many stations. The new R.R.s in progress do not make El Paso less objectionable in itself, but bring about such relations if continued

to the Pacific coast as will make it necessary for the Hermosillo and Fuerte pupils to pass Guerrero and Chihuahua to go to El Paso and Pomal and Guadalajara are already nearer to The railroads without make El Paso ~~at~~ one objectionable but better. I like them upon El Paso as other places more preferable. place causing us much more travelling expense to be reached than others and and from our "input" and "output" of students

4. Easier to get, keep, and morally train the students at El Paso. El Paso no doubt has many attractions. Does this not present tempting motives, and does it ~~not~~ call forth only the best. It affords some room also for the unfounded Mexican criticism that our motives as missionaries is to americanize and not so much to christianize Mexico.

II. Reasons which appeal to me as favorable to having such school in Mexico.

Here many of the arguments, which most if not all the Foreign mission Boards present, would apply, as

~~foreign~~ missionary students ought to continue their studies in that country and not come to the U. S. or England in order to do so. I know a few men born, raised, and converted in Mex., studied in El Paso, worked for a short time for our mission and then went to the states, where of course they are not lost to the cause, but next thing to, for the cause.

2. The moral force. This seems to me a strong reason. To me it seems we lose more than half of this in El Paso. The school is not amongst the mexican population in El Paso, and does little influence that population except as they come in contact at the congregational meetings and such visiting as the director may demand the students to do amongst that population for christian work. None would expect that the school would have much moral effect on the Americans - the class there is in El Paso, nor to call forth a response in helping the cause. But having such a plant in the country, it would be talked of all over, and the fact of there being

so many protestants students for the ministry having lives that make an impression on the natives would have a grand effect I believe, and an increasing one every year. El Paso may be a safer place morally for the students than in Mexico but in my mind the irreligousness of El Paso must be almost as visible to the students as in their country. Their seeing some American civilization is helpful but also dangerous for a class inclined to be weak.

3. The working and spiritual force lost. As noted there are no outstations near El Paso for them to work on Saturdays and Sundays, and for vacation work, the Mex. population in El Paso itself is I think far smaller than that of any of our stations so that not so many opportunities presents themselves for working for the very congregation, and amongst that small population there are two or three other Mex. Prot. congregations, and were I think before we entered the field.

At Guerrero there would be five congregations

on good roads within 15 miles and others that could be worked up. At Parral there would be at least three and at a large place like Chihuahua, the size is large enough to open meetings in several districts. These stations by the way are our most central stations only that both Parral and Guerrero were away from the R.R. but that is now about finished to Parral, and two are making rapid progress for or near to Guerrero City and thence to the Pacific which would bring El Fuerte and Hermosillo nearer to Guerrero than any other of our stations. Guerrero has some lonely points where meetings can be held. Some are not well developed yet. This would be an ideal field for vacation work under the director's supervision whom they always respect more than most any other for the education received. Besides such ones as would spend the summer in Chihuahua or Parral fields would be nearer by far than from El Paso, and as soon as the R.R. reaches Pacific coast, within easy reach for Sonora and Sinaloa.

Cheapness. In line as above stated To take students to school — Chihuahua, Guerrero or Parral — take them away for vacation and for permanent work. Clothing is now about as cheap at Chihuahua as in El Paso — some factories being near there. As to food for the mexicans it is far cheaper than in El Paso, and even for ordinary American living as missionaries do, I think we can live cheaper here by a good deal than we could in El Paso — which is a dear place for America.

Training them in Mexico among the own people and atmosphere will prepare them better as workers for their people in their circumstances. As my little experience has shown me they are well prepared for the time they had in school, good christians but have become strangers to the many hardships necessary to pass through in touring, and the insult of the Romanists.

Hoping that whatever may be done may be so guided by our Master as will do the best work for His cause.

Yours sincerely, Horace T. Wagner

Rev. H. T. Wagner
Hermosillo, Aug. 10, 1895

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Hermosillo,
Sonora, Mex.
Dec. 29/99.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

No doubt you have received a report of Brother Howland's visit to the El Fuerte station, where the Bissells expect to leave the work the coming June(?). I must say that as far as I am concerned, and think the other missionaries are all agreed on the same, that it is very necessary that some man be on that field before the Bissells leave the work. It is a field where there are many hearers of the truth, and think it would be very unwise to leave the work alone for any length of time. It is so isolated from the other fields that at the best no more than one visit could be given it annually, and that at a heavy expense, and time, and thus a sacrifice to the work at the other place. This would be very unsatisfactory in every way. As the Bissells leave the work, I should think the Board would see its way clear to use their salary for some other man and wife. The whole mission in Mex. is so scattered that

it is out of the question to think that a man go there from any other station. I hope the Board may find the man for the field and thus make up at least in part the loss the mission will have on account of Bissell's leaving us.

Our work is rather encouraging at present, having increased audiences, and a good christian spirit. I hope soon to make a trip of some 500 miles to the mountains where our field is very open and where there some very good christians. It is a field where it would be well to have a missionary constantly if the Board could afford. To make the trips of 500 miles on horseback means a great loss of time and energy, and still only a few days to the people. Very few days to visit some ten different places. If there were railroads, matters would be greatly changed, but then none is to be expected there for several years yet ~~anyway~~.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. P. Wagner.

Termonitor Dec 27, 1899

Florence White

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West Brookfield June 17th 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark

My dear Dr Clark.

Enclosed please find the "medical opinion" in regard to my health of Dr De Land our family physician.

You will be glad, as I am, that he spoke with such assurance. I told him where I hoped to go, and he said he thought so far as climate was concerned, Mexico would be an excellent field for me. In speaking with another physician who knows me, he said "You have certainly made most remarkable progress since I saw you, not long after you return to work".

So, dear Dr Clark, I must believe the Lord has work for me

to do — and I am glad to do it.
If you in Boston, decide to send
me in the late fall, I shall
still have some months of time
for additional strength, and
the cool weather will be a better
time for me to become acclimated to a new country.
Please let me hear from
you before long.
I trust you have taken the
work of rest you were contemplating, and are feeling better than
when I saw you.
With kind regards
I am
Yours sincerely
Florence White.
Can I not be put in correspondence
with some of the Mexico missionaries, Who is at Chihuahua? Have
we not a school there?

Mrs Florence White
June 20 1892

West Brookfield July 28th 1872

Rev. N. G. Clark.

My dear Dr. Clark -

Your two letters. (the first missent and forwarded) have been received.

I thank you for both. I am very glad the matter of transfer has been so satisfactorily decided. and that I may look forward to years of work, I trust, for the cause of Christ and the Board in Burma. I have received a delightfully cordial letter from Mrs. Stoddard which I answered at once.

Now for an item of business. When I left Boston I held strongly to the hope of returning to the work there, so my books & a few other small matters were left till I should know what the future

held in store for me.
My books I shall need in Guadalajara of course. Cannot they not be sent most economically to San Francisco to Mr Frear, who I am told has missionary interests in charge in place of Mr Flint. I have delayed sending for them, as that fright across the country & back might be saved in case I should go to Mexico. I suppose Mr Frear can store them until I know just how & when they should be sent, can he not? If you think it better I suppose they might be sent at once to me, care of Mr Sherland Guadalajara. Please advise me on the matter.

With most kindly regards I am

Yours very truly
Florence White

Mrs. Florence White
to Miss Fields.
July 28. 1892.

West Brookfield Aug 17th 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Clark.

Thank you for your letter and the extracts from Mr Eaton's letter to Miss Holcomb received yesterday.

I cannot leave the U.S.A. as soon as Miss Holcomb plans to do, for the ladies at the Home have made two engagements for me to speak in Conn. at Meets. Meetings from Sept 27 - 30. I am very glad to go, and have accepted the invitations. I have troubled so much, that I do not especially mind troubling alone

I have written

my limited funds making some inquiries in regard to outfit and furnishings required. but have not yet received a reply. I suppose I may that I can to take furniture for my own room from the States am I not? I of course left all my own outfit in Japan, together with everything that was bought with the $75. to of allowance for housekeeping. So that my outfit so far as I know, is ready for some one else who may go to Japan. Would it not be better to buy in Boston than Yokohama Yes?

Very truly yours
Florence White

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West Brookfield Oct 24th 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark
Secy. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Dr Clark -

Your letter enclosing Miss Kalcombe's has just come to hand. In regard to my outfit for Japan I did not dispose of a single piece after leaving Japan; I suppose from my correspondence and conversation with Miss Lucy E. Case, Osaka on the subject that she took it all - It was left in good condition, & all the furniture was sent soon after my departure to the first proper building used for such purposes by the missionaries as they have not been used - and I trust she will find everything satisfactory - wear & tear of three years and a half excepted!

My present plan is to leave Mass. for the West Tues - Nov 1.

going to Chicago. when I must see two of the Japanese girls who are in the Nat. Temp. Training School for Nurses, & who are in a sense in my care for the present. From Chicago I must go into Minnesota (at my own expense of course) to see a sister whom I have not seen for six years. After a little visit there I return to Chicago making no further stops to Denver. I plan to leave Denver (I have three sisters there) Nov. 22d for Mexico. Mrs Haviands Mother and cousin plan to meet me in Denver & go on with me to Mexico for a visit. This will be pleasant for us all.

I am glad Miss Holmes found the journey less difficult than she expected. It augurs well for mine.

I have enjoyed my work for the Woman's Board, but I shall be glad to be at my work in Mexico.

Very sincerely Yrs
Florence White

Oct. 1891

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Mrs Florence Wheeler

Guadalajara Mexico -
Nov 22nd 1892

My Dear Dr. Clark.

Just a line to announce my safe arrival in Guadalajara in company of Mr Hurland who met us - i.e. his mother-in-law, Anne Carrin and myself in El Paso. We had a most comfortable journey visiting Asuncion & Mitchell and arrived Friday the 18th -

My own arrival was a great deal hastened by telegram from Mr Hurland, telling me

he shows he is in El Paso
a week earlier than I
had opportunity to reach
that point. To travel
under his personal
escort was an opportunity
not to be neglected
So I came at once.
I had no time to see
Mr Ketchum in Chicago
for reduced rates. But I
was able to secure it
by kindness of some
Railroad friends. So
I am happy to say that
the check for $(25.00
given me by Mr Ward
covered the expense (by
careful use) for the
trip; excluding, of course
the side trip into
Minnesota. That re

reminds me to say that I was invited by the Y. M. C. A. who were holding a convention in Mankato Minn. to speak in the largest Church Sunday Eve. on the needs of Japan which I was happy to do for a half hour. I spoke also at a Missionary tea the night I left. & a generous contribution was given for the work of the Amer. & the Foreig. Ch. So I hope my little visit of a few days was productive of good for the Cause, tho' not strictly in our denomination.

You will see by numerous enclosures for me I have had that the balance is very nearly small. Not

I am glad I did not
run the risk of gun
ner -

I cannot at this time
say anything of the work
Everything seems strange
than before did - but the
cordiality of my reception
warmed my heart greatly

With kindest regards
to you and the ladies
I am

Very truly
Florence White

Mr Jerome Griffith
Washington, Maine -
Aug. 22 - 1892
Rec'd Aug. 30 -

Guadalajara Mexico Jan. 6th 1893.

My Dear Dr Clark—

I had been in my thoughts to write you a long letter telling you many things in regard to our work and our actual needs, but school work, study, and necessary extra work preparatory to the dedication of our beautiful new chapel and the entertainment of the friends we expect will be with us, has prevented, and now I must content myself with a business letter, stating my own especial needs.

I must ask that the appropriation of $175.00 granted me for housekeeping, be sent me as soon as possible together with what remains of my salary. Mr Swett expected for me $84.00 as per. unpaid

bill received in a late mail from him indicate - I have also drawn $50.00 before leaving home -

You know I brought no furniture whatever, and must buy here. When prices seem fabulous, but for less, than I paid and duty made him much the same articles from home cost - One of the ladies Mrs. Hartlund sent home two years ago, perhaps, for a white bed spread, costing one dollar - It was sent but four dollars of duty made it a very expensive article when she received it -

I am told that our foreigner has not a necessary paid eighty dollars of duty on a bed he brought from the States, and a hundred on a set of crockery!! & it seems vastly better to do the best one can here.

Miss Haskins has kept home so very simply and economically in every particular. It being necessary to provide for one person that a

considerable addition must be made to our housekeeping effects, before I can be really comfortable - hence a prompt reply will be most gratefully received. I must buy a bedstead & so many articles at once -

I find my associates congenial & helpful, especially Mrs Stanland who seems to me wonderfully bright, sensible, efficient, and every way delightful. My own home arrangements are adjusting themselves satisfactorily I am sure, when we are in a house more adapted to our needs, and the noise of the street - We do miss school and residence property of our own, more than I can tell you - I wish you were going coming to dedication, and come look over our house - I am glad Mr & Mrs Whitcomb are coming - I hope my outfit & housekeeping allowance will be with S. bill or Gold, and not received in Greenback silver; that would be most disastrous to me.

I will write of school and work soon I hope. Meantime, believe me with best wishes for your health, and freedom if that is possible, from outside annoyances of any kind

Yours very sincerely
Florence White

My boys have not come, and I am told I can hardly expect them before February! I do miss their comfort expecially

Guadalajara, Jan. 6, 1893
Recd Jan. 14

Guadalajara Aug 3 1893

My Dear Dr Clark

Your delightfully pleasant letter came to me last night ,and I want to thank you for the encouragement it contains ,and the interest you express that makes me hope from the Woman's Board we may receive some help that shall enable us to do the Lord's work in a more satisfactory manner .

Your telegram to Mr Howland came today and was like a bolt rfom a clear sky ,for we had begun to adjust ourselves to the thought that for the present at least ,we were to go on as we have been doing ,but now we are all torn up by the roots again ,as it were ! I am writing without any consultation with Mr Howland and without his knowledge ,simply because I want to say some - thing to you personally ,and if I am at all over stepping the proper bounds ,you will forgive me I am sure ,for my interest is for the work ,and the happiness of the workers .

Do you think that Mr Howland can do the work that Mr Wright has been doing ,and the extra work that will of necessity come to him without the help of some one who is already familiar with the needs of the Mexicans? I honestly believe the best interests of the scho require the work of the two men ,Mr Wright and Mr Howland ,and that it is a positive saving in a purely money way to keep them both in the school I think that if you were here on the gruund ,that you would decide that Mr Olds is the man to come here for the present at least ,The Mexicans were much pleased with him and his wife when they were here in January ,and I believe he would do excellent work for it is a place to stimulate a man to do his very best ,and it might be the means of bringing out certain qualities in him , that have not been brought out where he has been ,since he came to Mexico .

If I had not been a teacher for so many years I might not realize how exceedingly difficult it would be for Mr Wright to make satisfactory plans for another man whose methods might be entirely different to carry out ,and it will not be a possible thing for the change to be made in time for the beginning of the school y year in September both on account of Mrs. Wright's health ,and the work here . It seems to me that since Mr Howland's going takes the "Testigo"from here and adds that to the work there ,that they shoul both be there for one school year at least ,Add to that the fact that Mr Wright must begin the school work of the year ,and then speedily leave it and you see how it complicates the whole thing !

I confess I am reminded of the old game we used to play when I was a child -the fox ,and the goose and the peck of corn !But there was a combination that could be made that saved the goose (perhaps that represents Guadalajara )and the corn !Try Mr Olds here and see if things dont smooth themselves out a little ! Does n'T it seem to you that a good Mexican working under Mr Eatons

admirable direction could hold the fort in Cusi for a year ,till we could see how things were working themselves out ?
If I understand the matter rightly ,Mr Wright has expected to make teaching his life work ,and though he may be willing to sacrifice all his plans to what seems the greatest good it is rather a serious thing to so entirely change the course of a man's life as that would be changing it ,~~from preaching to teaching~~ ~~do~~ not from teaching to constant preaching .
I may be all wrong but I do not think I am ;I presume an early mail will bring full explanation of the thought at Boston ,and we shall understand better than we do now just what is planned .
We can only hope that all is for the best .

Begging your pardon

for suggesting anything I am

Yours very truly

Florence White.

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Yours very truly

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Guadalajara Novenber 2 7 1893

My dear Dr Clark!—

I have been trying to find time to write to you for a long time ,but I have been so very busy that I have really had very little time to do anything not absolutely required of me, and so the pleasure of writing you has been put off for a "more convenient season."

You will the more readily excuse me I know, when you remember that I have been entirely alone with a family of girls to take care of, ever since Miss Haskins went to the States the first of August

The ninth of October I began school again alone, but with the full number of scholars and the usual number of boarders, the latter only limited by our means for caring for them.

Mrs Howland has as usual come to the rescue, and taken some classes in Arithmetic and music which are as yet beyond my Spanish.

How Mrs Howland manages to do so much, and do every thing so well. is always a wonder to me, but she is never found wanting in anything that is required, from "original" for the Testigo, to mucic in our school, or visiting the sick who always want her, both foreigners and natives, when anything is the matter.

I expected Miss Haskins back for the opening of school, but I presume it is not to be hoped, that she will be back till after the holidays; meantime I have moved into more healthful and comodious quarters and gotten settled to a degree of comfort, though not of good houskkeeping; that will be a matter of some time, especially as I have not yet lost a single day of school in the transfer, and do not mean to do so it if is possible to avoid it.

I have been obliged to give up my own Spanish lessons, and put into constant use what I have already learned, but the lessons must be resumed as soon as I have time for study.

The Mexican teacher is only in the house during school hours, and the whole care of girls and the house comes upon me, and requires long hours and a good many of them on my part; as you know I teach twelve classes every day, eight of them in Spanish:

I am very glad to have changed our house, for I was having chills and fever again, and began to be afraid I was not going to be easily rid of them; The rent of this house is more than the other but it was a serious question of my being able to stay here if I must live in so damp a house, and I am sure, that though we shall of absolute necessity run over our appropriation for this year, that you would

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say that evil, was to be preferred, to travelling expenses and Doctor bills in the United States for me .
Want of money still obliges me to put six girls in one bed, for want of ~~money~~ means to buy more ~~beds~~ but I shall purchase myself, trusting to having it returned to me later, from special contributions or additional grant from the Board,
I have already bought some sheets for those which had been made by Miss Hasmins of very cheap colored cloth, had worn out and to tell you the honest truth, I was ashamed to have any body not in the family see the frightfully inadequate sleeping arrangements provided for the scholars ; travellers who visit the town want to see our school, and some of the better class of Mexicans want to see how things are done in a Protestant school ; I had an experience of that sort today with some Mexican callers, but I said we were not yet settled and begged to be excused from showing them over the house till I could get the rooms fixed !
Then too , this very day a lady who has put three girls in as day scholars asked how much it would cost to have the girls take their dinners here as they live some distance away ; I said it would not be possible to take them for another month, when I hoped I might do so, but we have no knives and forks, and all the spoons are brass or iron, and the plates are granite iron too and I was ashamed to have the girls tell their friends how shabby we were, or to have them decide not to eat here after being here once to dinner !
I want to say right here, that Mr and Mrs Howland are not in the very slightest, responsible for this state of things , for Miss Haskins has desired to manage things in her owm way, but to my most economical saving, New England mind, it has been a most expensive sort of economy for I am convinced that we have been obliged to replenish too often, with things of the same poor sort and I believe that we have lost a hold we might have gained, on some girls of the better sort, if we had done things better,
Do not misunderstand me, My dear Dr Clark , I am not asking for silver or china, I want only as good as is furnished by other Boards for their pupils in Mission Schools.
I have been taken over the school s of other Boards , Methodist and Presbyterian, and our provision is very far below any other ; But it makes no difference to me at all, what others furnish - I only want what is respectable, and decently represents the Board I am under, and makes me able to say, "Behold I show you a more excellent way "
Am I wrong in this wish ?
I have sometimes thought that it might be better if this was a day school pure and simple , but I have great faith in the training of a christian home, and believe that lessons learned there make a lasting impression and will be put to use in home of their own later, but if things are no better than in the poor homes from which the girls come, where is the good to be learned ?
We must have a larger appropriation if we would do the work as it ought to be done , even though we should not increase it, as we might do without the slightest difficulty if we had the means ; I know of eight children who would be in school today if I would say the word but it is impossible ; If anybody wants to educate a girl I would undertake it for thirty dollars for a year.

The day has passed, certainly for Mexico and Japan, when the simple story of the cross is all that is necessary, we must indeed show them more excellent ways of many sorts.
The expense of moving has been considerable, and emphasizes the need of property of owr own as nothing else could have done; for example; - there is no room in this house large enough to accommodate the school during school hours, and a partition must be taken down at our expense and so throw two rooms together for that purpose, Of course the owner does not wish to do it, for it would not help the rent of the house to other parties when we are through with it. The expense of it is not great but we have no money, and I have told Mr Howland that it may be charged to my account, for it must be done, but the Board do not pay me sufficient salary to do that sort of thing gratuitously; you only propose to pay enough to enable us to live comfortably, and in no sense to make suitable accommodation for the mission work you are carrying on:
At present rate of exchange, I believe a hundred dollars would set us right and give us some necessaries in the way of beds and bedding, table furnishings and pay the repairs on this house that must be done by us

I try to be very economical, and believe I am, but I do not think that we can furnish suitable food for the girls for less than three cents a meal, that is about three dollars a day for a family of twentyfive! Cheap enough, I am sure you will say, and that is not American money, you know; an ordinary servant receives twelve cents a day for his food, in addition to his wages, and the majority of them fifteen, so that I think ten cents a small allowane, but I do not think I ought to try to get on upon a less sum - does it seem so to you?
I am asked to write missionary letters stating our needs, but I an ashamed to tell what we need most as I have written to you; I can only beg for money on general princiales, when people want something definite; but I cant exactly bring myself to state the bald facts!!

I shall however ask for some things of friends who do not usually contribute largely to missions ~~ever~~ but who are interested in me personally, and for the sake of helping me, may do something for the school in general,
I have been surprised and not a little pleased, that I have gotten along without any friction with the girls, and the Mexican teacher said she "did not know that school could be so easy"!

I am getting along very well, and in general am pretty well though the constant confinment to the house and the girls, and the great amount of sewing for them, all of which I have done myself, has made me pretty tired, and I shall be glad when I am somewhat relieved from that, by the return of miss Haskins
If you personally knew Miss Haskins, you would understand how easy it is for a person to be devoted to her work and thoroughly good, but

not be altogether wise in expedditure, and run to the extreme of economy, which often in the end proves the greatest extravagance, or perhaps better, the most shorted sighted policy.
Then too, you would understand as I did not when I came, why things were as they were; I said to myself "if the Howlands had managed differently they could have prevented some things" but I have learned that when a person prides herself on her ability to do business as well as a man, that she often does not make her plans known, till it is too late to prevent what is really somewhat disastrous to best interests. I do not make this as a criticism but a statement of facts!
Do not you think it will be possible to secure for us an additional grant of a little money? I do not want it to be put into general mission work, but sent to me or us, without its being canvassed by every body before it reaches us; if it can be secured as a personal gift I should be very glad.
Now my dear Dr Clark, I have written you very plainly as I am sure you desire that I should do, for in order to help us, you must be in possession of what my old Principal used to call "Preliminary facts"! Before sending out my letter in the morning I shall read it to Mrs Howland; let me say just here, that I am writing you as I could never have done, had I not had the charge of things for nearly six months in the absence of Miss Haskins; had that not been the case I should have remained in ignorance of the "true inwardness" of a good many things; you will understand better perhaps, if I say that I had been here for more than two months before I saw Miss Haskins own room, and for weeks, before I was allowed to see the girls rooms. Of course I could have insisted upon being taken over the house, but I thought it wise to wait and so I did.
I hope you enjoy my typewriter! I very much fear that I could not go into particulars, if I was obliged to do it all "by hand."
With very kindest regards for you and the ladies, and the hope that you will not think I have exaggerated our needs, but that I have tried to write with great care I am,

Yours very truly

Florence White

Guadalajara Mexico November 27 1893

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In reading over my letter this morning I want to add that so far as teaching aparatus is concerned books maps desks kindergarten mat material we are I think better equiped than most other schools and perhaps better than the needs of the school in its present grade require ;I find nothing to be asked for in that direction ; I think less expensive outfit in those directions would have answered our purpose just as well ,and if expenditure had been better balanced between the house keeping arrangements and the school it would have been more attractive to a better class and so we should have gained in the long run

The Mexican mind is not up to latest methods yet and in such a school as ours is at present I think a gradual working up to the highest would have been quite as well for us

I have made some very pleasant friends for the sake of English conversation outside our own circle and through them have been invited to visit some of the best schools in the city ,and I have been delighted with methods used and the arrangements made for the comfort and advancement of the pupils on the part of the Mexicans themselves ;our appliances are just as good as theirs but our home not so good

I mention this so that you will see that the money has not been wasted but to my mind misapplied

Miss Florence White
Guadalajara, Mex. Nov. 27 93
Recd Dec 4.

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My dear Dr Clark

I cannot resist the temptation to sit down at once, and send you my most grateful thanks for your letter of Dec 6" received tonight, which did my heart good .
I have made a resolution for the New Year which I intend to faithfully keep if you so desire and that is to send you a letter every month, which shall in no sense take the place of those Mr Howland may write or Miss Haskins ,but as an "extra " which shall keep you informed of the school, at least from my point of view .
It was no intentional carelessness on our part, that made you unaware of our movements I assure you ;So far as Miss Haskins was concerned, we supposed she would write you exactly of her plans, and so it never occurred to us that she had not done so,
I remember that she wrote you early in June perhaps, saying that she wanted to go home for vacation, and you replied that you had no objection to her doing so, provided the station were willing, or words to that effect, and asking her if she expected to need additional help in the way of money from the Board to meet her expenses,
We none of us knew that she did not reply to that letter, and so of course you had no means of knowing that she went as she did.
I expected her back for the opening of school in October, but I learn from a letter just received, that she does not propose to be here before the very last of January ;The six months of absence has been pretty hard for me, as I am alone with the family of girls entirely, after school hours in the afternoon, and I have only one very inefficient servant with whom I do not leave them, and I have been very closely confined,
As to the change in house ,even before I came, Miss Haskins wrote that she should move from the house she then occupied, just as soon as another could be found, as that was damp and very malarial ,too near the river which is stagnant a large part of the time during the dry season ;I supposed she kept you posted on these things, as she quite prides herself upon her ability to do business "just as well as man" and Mr Howland supposed so too ;but the impossibility of finding a house increased and a whole year passed before we found anything at all suited to our needs that it was possible to rent,
This house is larger, on the sunny side of the street, somewhat nearer the church, and is owned by a man who is not at all fanatical and is a reputable business man here, who "fears not God, nor regards man" in the shape of priests, and is quite as willing to rent to us as

anybody else ;It was however quite a question whether we should succeed in getting it, and when we found it possible, we moved at once without waiting for consultation ;It was settled that we could not stay there, for I was having Chills and fever too badly to risk remaining, and though the rent here was fifty dollars a month somewhat more than the other, it was so much more desirable and in so much better a neighborhood that it seemed best to take it,
We were the second house from the corner of the street, and all four corners were occupied by liquor stores, and the crowds who filled the street, made my life miserable as I had a room on the first floor front, and was often very much frightened by men pounding on my shutters or throwing refuse from the street into my room in the night
Mr Howland never approved of taking the house, but Miss Haskins was quite determined upon it, and so it was taken somewhat against his better judgment,
It strikes me that this is as desirable a place to sometime buy, as any we shall be likely to ever find It is a badly built house, and badly planned for school in some respects, but is so much better than the other, that I have "put a cheefful courage on " and did not lose a single day of school in moving or settling !
you see ,my dear Dr Clark that there was not much to tell, for we were for months in a state of "mastrely inactivity " waiting like Mr Macawber "for something to turn up," and when it did, we moved rapidly before it should be forever too late !
I have not seen Mr Howland since your letter came, but I am confident that you must have lost at least one letter from him, so that the silence has not been so long on our part as it has seemed at the other end of the line .
Your interest in our improved condition, helps me wonderfully and I have great hopes that we shall get the money we so much need,
It is not for one single luxury ,and I promise you that we will use all our yankee ingenuity to make it go a great ways in getting ~~the~~ things sufficiently good of their kind, so that they wont have to be soon replaced,
I spent the whole afternoon in mending old shoes ,sewing on buttons and sewing up rips, and having the girls black them nicely for to morrow ,but they are a rather doleful looking lot of shoes in spite of my best efforts, I was brought up to be economical in a good New England fashion ;provident and careful and I shall not go back on my training, but I cannot do things as they have been done, and I am rejoiced that you dont expect or want it .
Solomon was right :- " There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is mete but it tendeth to poverty "
Mr Howland will write you soon I am sure ,I will give him my letter

tomorrow ;I wish you could personally know what a comfort Mrs Howland is, and how adaptable too ;she can do anything and always does it in such a sweet spirit ;I have not seen her disturbed over extras that took her time from her own home, or the least out of sorts since I came a year ago ,She is just the person for a missionaries wife ,or any bodys wife for that matter !

This is not intended as a business letter but to bring my love and thanks ,and to wish for you a New Year, as little perplexins and trying as possible, and that you will enjoy a good measure of health and strength ,

I was grieved to learn from Miss Richards last letter that you were not well.

With Kind remembrances from theladies, and most cordial good wishes for yourself I am

Very gratefully Yours
Florence White

Kiadalyana, Dec. 16, 23

Recd. Dec. 26.

Please return to
W. H. C.

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Guadalajara Mexico Jan I8 I894

My dear Dr Clark,—

I thought to have written you some days ago ,but the sad and sudden news of the death of my eldest sister, - the first break in our circle of seven sisters - has so saddened me and unfitted me for anything that was not really necessary, that from day to day I have put it off ; but the month is not yet gone, and my word is kept of sending you a letter once a month .

School goes bravely on; day after day I am obliged to decline pupils who are offered me most urgently ,and whose parents say, when I say I have no money nor beds for more tham I now have," Let the children sleep on the floor ,that is not bad !

When I say I have no money to buy bread for new scholars ,"One centavos of bread will do ,"I am told ! What can I do but weep that I must again say no ? I say "let them come as day scholars",but in many cases the distance is too great and they especially want them in the house . There is reason in that ;for it means food, clothes, and good care, but I must say, no .

I hoped very much that our appropriation might have been raised this year, for as it at present stands ,it means no enlargement. and our opportunities are constantly increasing, but our ability to embrace them is just as small as ever.

I think it is a mistake ,and one that we shall rue in the near future, for others are coming in with large working force, and money, and I opine that we shall lose by their coming .

Perhaps Mr Howland wrote you of the Seventh day Baptists, who have come with Preacher ,doctor trained nurse ,and kindergarten teacher, the latter, a lady who has been a missionary of another Board here in Mexico City for years, and knows the language well, and is all ready for work and will begin at once .

The Dr with interpretter, already has large clinics and the trained nurse is busy too . The doctor being a lady, will get into the homes I think easily, and I trust do good work,

These people are Second Advent as well ,but that I do not object to, for it is well to be ready to meet our Lord when he comes, be it soon or late ,but keeping Saturday, is I think going to be a little hard on us who observe the first day.

So you see the Baptists out number us, two to one in Guadalajara, and if we cannot enlarge our borders, but because of the hard times, we must curtail ,we are rather at a disadvantage I think, dont you ?

Yesterday a man (who is probably a Catholic and has a Mexican wife) who has just come to town, came to see about putting his three, and perhaps four children in our school : Mrs Howland and I went at once to call on the family, and I hope the children will be in school as soon as the father finds a house ; they are now at the Hotel ; if they do come, they will pay something and be day scholars simply, but they seemed really desirable children, clean, pretty and nice ; The father is Irish but the children speak no English nor does the Mother.

Last Sunday was communion, and Mr Howland received four into membership, three of them, a mother and two sons, ~~who~~ seem quite a good class of people ~~but~~ and really Christians we hope. Last night at prayer meeting both young men prayed, which was an indication that they are willing to take up the cross and testify before men, of the dear Savior they have found

I am afraid it is a little late to tell you of our Christmas, but an item or two will be of interest,
As I wrote you we intended to do, we had the meeting at the Church with appropriate services on Christmas Eve, and the tree and gifts here at the school on Monday

We got up a fine program of music, recitations, original compositions from the older girls, dialogues, &C from younger ones, ~~and~~ and every thing was perfectly learned,
We had an audience of two hundred, composed of our own church people and a good many who were curious to see what was being done in the house, who would never go into a church ; The music and the lights proved very attractive, and the Mexicans, being very inquisitive, make no bones of going right into any house where there is a company of any sort, if the door is open ; if it is not, then they climb into the windows, but see, they must and will,
So the result was, that we had an audience of people who heard a good deal of Jesus Christ in spite of themselves !
One woman, who a few days before tried to throw a dish of dirty water on me as I passed her door -she lives nearly opposite -was here, and since then she has smiled and said "good day" very pleasantly as I pass ! So they ate our refreshments with apparent relish, and found we were not as black as we are painted !

Yesterday was Saint Antonio's Day -the day in the year when animals of all sorts, from birds to horses, are taken to one of the churches to be blessed by being sprinkled with holy water by the priest ; I was on the street and saw fowls and dogs, cats donkeys, pigs and horses trimmed with bright ribbon and paper flowers, and so made my way to the church, and saw the sadly interesting sight ; Will these people ever learn the foolishness of such things, and know the one true and living God ? May God speed the day.

I shall be very glad to receive the promised money, for we need it sorely.

Miss Haskins is not yet returned, but I believe she now plans to be here sometime in February, for which I shall be very glad, for I am not very well and am getting pretty tired.

Mrs Howland is just recovered from quite a severe attack of what would be called at home "grippe" I suppose; she was threatened with bronchitis and pneumonia, and was confined to her room for nearly two weeks; I am glad, however, to say that she is in the main, herself again; the bottom seems to fall out of a good many things if she is sick.

She and Mr Howland ought to go home next summer without fail, both for the change which both need very much, and to give them an opportunity to raise the money for the debt on the church, which they ought not personally, to carry any longer, for it hampers them exceedingly, and I presume they would quickly raise the required sum, or at any rate, such a part of it as would be a very great relief to them. In addition, it will be necessary to put their oldest daughter Bertha in school in the United States very soon, for she is beyond the school here in English and Spanish as well.

I believe they have been home but once in eleven years, and few others of our mission in Mecico, can I think say the same.

I do not know that they have suggested that they go home to you, and I am not speaking for them at all; I know they both want to go, and both need to go, and it would be lovely if you should suggest their coming !!

I have tried both, and I do not consider the climate of Japan taken as a whole, any more trying than this, and the people not half so wearing to ones heart, and mind and strength as these, and you know that in the former country, we all have twenty five doollars of American money every summer for health travel, and the privillege of coming home by way of Europe, if we want to do so when we do come! At least I suppose we have that privillege have n't we? so many do come that way, who I fancy would not feel that they could come ~~that way~~ at their own expense! it is lovely, and I am glad that they can do so, but you see I want as an offset to that health travel, the permission to breathe U.S. air a little oftener, than once in eleven years !!

That's fair isn't it Dr Clark? Yes, my room is sunny, and so is Miss Haskins, and one of the largest rooms that the girls sleep in also. It does make a deal of difference, in houses built as these are, on the thick walls and stone floor plan.

Thanking you for your pleasant letter, and with love to the ladies, in spite of the fact that they never write to me! I am

Yours very truly,

Florence White

Thanksgiving, June 18, '74
Recd. Jan. 2 J.

Guadalajara Mexico March 5 1894

My dear Dr Clark

The new month has begun and so my letter to you shall be speedily on its way, that you may know how we are prospering in our new quarters .

We find our new house as I have already written you, very well suited to our needs and very comfortable ;I wish you could see how much improved we are in many ways ,for I know you would be pleased,

A friend sent me some money to be used as I saw fit for the school or otherwise, and we have bought two new nice iron beds and some new dishes for the dining room ;A friend of Mrs Howlands, a tourist here to whom she had shown some kindness, gave her some money, and she bought some white spreads for the beds in the girls rooms, and the whole appearance of the house is there by greatly improved and I am not now ashamed to take any body over the house.

We have only two girls in one bed, and as far as the school is concerned, I have put a cheerful courage on, and things are going smoothly, and we have a prospect of all the scholars we can take ;what we need, is a larger appropriation so that we may take more pupils into the family ,than is now possible with our present funds : we are constantly applied to, to receive children into the family whose parents can do little or nothing toward their support ,but though it would now be possible so far as room is concerned, we have not means to board them and do what would be necessary in the way of clothes .

We are now however in better condition than we have ever been before, and though the rent of this house is eighteen dollars more than the one we were occupying a year ago, and we have no appropriation to meet the deficit, I am sure we are more than that better off as the location is higher and dryer and on the sunny side of the street :,

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Guadalajara, Mex. 5/1894
Florence White
Answered

Guadalajara March I3 I894

My dear Dr Clark ;-

I write just a line this morning to ac knowledge the receipt of your last, and to rejoice your heart by telling you that in the same mail which brought yout letter, one came to Miss Haskins from Chicago telling her that the ladies of the W.B.M.I had voted the money asked for !

So my dear Dr . your efforts hace not been in vain after all ;I know you will be glad to know this from us, though I have no doubt you have been informed of the same from the ladies themselves ;I am grateful to you for your interest in the matter, and your kindly words of cheer, and particularly grateful for the money !

I shall hope to hear from you before long, answering my inquiry in regard to my proposed visit North this summer, of which I wrote you in my last.

I am happy to say that Senator Wilson is inproving very rapidly, and will soon be able to turn his face homeward ,certainly a better man !We shall be delighted to do our very best to make Mr Williston enjoy his trip to Mexico so far as our own city is concerned ;Mr and Mrs Howland are extremely kind and attentive to all strangers in the city, and many a tourist has carried away most pleas ant memories of great kindness and attention from both Mr and Mrs Howland. I am sure the gifts and graces of hospitality are inherent in them both, and not an acquired excellence ;

When you are relieved from he vy work please try a trip here and see for yourself .

Miss Haskins hopes you received a letter from her, written sometine in February not long after her return,

With very kindest regards I am

Yours very truly

Florence White

Guadalajara, Mexico, 13. 78
Recd March 19.

Ans.

Guadalajara March 28 1894

Rev N G Clark :-

,Boston Mass

Dear Dr Clark

Your letter of March 19 is this moment received and as the important part omf my letter escaped your attention in replying I make haste to repeat my request hoping for a reply as soon as convenient

The sudden death of my sister leaving a family seem to make it very desirable if not imperative that I spend the vacation in the United States going at my own expense of course and returning in time for the opening of school in the fall ;

I shall hopeto do some talking in behalf of the work during my absence and so be no hindrance but a help to the cause in some places where they seldom hear from missionaries direct from the field :

Mr and Mrs Howland and Miss Haskins are cordially in favor of my absence for the time mentioned and I trust you will be also

With best wishes for you all ,and hoping a favorable reply

I am Yours sincerely

Florence White

Guadalajara, Mar. 28, 1894

Rec'd April 3

Answered

Denver June 20 1894

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Denver June 20. 94
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Guadalajara Oct 18 1894

My dear Dr Clark:-

I want to report myself as back in my place and at work again regularly in school which has been in session for the little people for two weeks and for the older ones for a week ;

I was back several days before the opening of school ,though not quite so soon as I had planned,as it was made plain to me that it was my duty to remain in Denver for the Annual Conference of Congregational Churches which was to meet there ,

I was the more ready to do this ,as the missionaries who had been for some time engaged for that special meeting, were obliged to give up coming at all, because of sickness andsince a "live missionary " was to be one of the attractions of the meeting , it did seem that I ought to do the best I could, to fill the gap caused by Miss Dudley's absence .

I was glad to present the cause of Mexico ,because I have found some people so ill informed as not to be able to quite see how Mexico could be foreign work, when "Mexico is a part of the United States you know " !!

I hope I did some good, and that you will approve of my trifling delay . I find things going very well in Mr Howlands absence and the congregations as large as usual nearly, and an excellent attendance ~~good~~ at prayer meeting . Don Miguel Magdalena ,our ordained pastor is here you know, and he seems to be wise in his methods and speach.

Mr Wagner too is here, devoting himself to the study of the language, and we like him well . He has a church wedding on his hands for next week ,I believe as some Germans here desire to be married in our church, by our missionary, in the German language !

We are exceedingly glad that we are able to meet all such requirments satisfactorily . The parties would have been very glad if Mr Howland had been here, as he married one of the same family before I believe .

We have heard no reports of the meeting of the Board yet, but hope earnestly that you were not made sick by any of the old distractions, and that the work of the Lord will prosper more and more, because of the unity and good fellowship of the meeting ;

With best wishes for you I am

Yours very truly

Florence White

Guadalajara, Oct. 18. 94

Filed Oct. 26.

Ans'd

J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-19
Ans'd 12-8

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Guadalajara Mexico Nov 12 1894

Rev James L Barton

My dear Sir :-

I want to acknowledge the receipt of your very cordial letter to your fellow workers, received a few days since ,and to assure you of the pleasure it gives me, and I know I speak for others as well ,to know that in the place left vacant by Dr Clarks retirement, we find you ,who knows so well from actual experience on the field, some of the difficulties that surround the missionary worker,

,That you are one with us in heart ,as well as one of us, will I am sure open the hearts of all of those of us on foreign ground, and make us feel that you are exactlt what your letter represents you to be ,not simply our Foreign Secretary, but our personal friend as well, who is interested in us individually,

I too am glad, that I met you for a minute when in Boston in the summer ;I remember feeling a sort of satisfaction that you were Dr C larks helper then ,but I was not prepared to see him so feeble, nor did I expect his immediate retirement from his offie

I am glad for you, that so long as you desire it, he is within reach, so that a world of minor details that it will be impossible for any one to have in mind without long connection with the routine of the office and correspondence ,can be referred to him, or rather talked over with him ,it will be of so much assistance to you, for a while at least .

I have been in the habit all these years of writing him instead of the ladies ,because he was particularly interested in this field, and hadexpressed a desire to hear from us once a month, and I shall take pleasure in occasionally writing you, should you so desire it .

My associate Miss Haskins comes to the work from the Board of the Interior, and her interests are especially with that Branch as she is herself from the West ; but her feeling of cordiality to you, is like mine and she begs to send you also by me her feelig of cordiality and regard,

God bless you in the work you have been called to take up, and give you health and strength for it ,lo these many years .

Very truly Yours in the work

Florence White

Belle M. Haskins

Guadalajara, Nov. 12, 1894.

C. H. D.
Rec'd 2-5-95
Ans'd 2-6-95



Guadalajara Mexico Jan 28 1895

My dear Dr Daniels .

This is a personal letter to you as my friend and not in your official capacity ,though I shall write whenever you think most desirable,one of that sort to the proper authorities.(though I am not sure just who those are ,so please advise me.)

I want to sever my connection with the Board and missionary work on foreign ground,at the close of the present school year, which will probably be about the first of August .

When I came to Mexico it was rather an experiment so far as my own health was concerned ,and though I have been far better than I ever expected to be again ,I am not so well that I think it best to remain longer .

There are a good many reasons for my decision : my parents now both old -father past eighty ,and mother seventyfive ) are anxious that I should be in the United States ;father has very lately had quite a severe surgical operation performed ,mother is very frail, ,and my youngest sister is very much of an invalid,growing worse instead of better as time goes on ; these things together with the death of my sister before I went home last year, have made mother feel that she wants me, her oldest daughter, nearer home than I am .

All these things ,and many others connected with my work here, made me promise that after another year of work,I would resign and come to the United States . Since that promise was made ,I have made another,which will perhaps surprise you as much as it still does me ! I am engaged to be married - not to a minister or a missionary ,but a doctor !

That the crowning blessing of a woman's life -that of being a good mans wife ,should now come to me surprises me still ,and I sometimes think I must have dreamed it ,and shall wake to find myself now and always,Florence White !

I do not think my work for missions is by any means finished, for in the State in which I shall probably live ,I have already spoken in behalf of the work a number of times ,and as the gentleman I have promised to marry,is interested in all good things, I believe my opportunities for good work in that especial line, will be rather increased than diminished .

When I went into the work in Japan and here too,I did not know that I should not continue my work on mission ground,as long as

life and health were granted me : broken health sent me home as you know from the former place ,and now there are what seem to me to be reasons of which the Lord I try to serve will I believe approve, and which I trust you will think good and sufficient,for my resignation .

,My acquaintance with Mr and Mrs Howland has been exceedingly pleasant ,and I shall always feel that they are my friends for all my life, and that knowing them,has been one of my choisest blessings .

They are very rare people, and I shall always be happy, in memory of every incident of my association with them , but if I should tell the whole story of my connection with the school ,or more correctly my home life at the school, I should be obliged to say, that it has been in many ways exceedingly trying -trying in ways that it was impossible for me to avoid or correct -ways that nervously wear one all out ,from ones inability to make any changes, which from ones own side at least,seem so desirable .

So far as my work with the Mexicans is concerned, I have never has a particle of trouble with any of them ;the pupils have almost without exception been promptly obedient,and willingly so, I am sure , and I have enjoyed teaching them is day and Sunday school .

One of the reasons why I have written you thus early, is to say that if it were possible, I wish my successor might come before I go away ,for I being on the ground,could help a new comer in a thousand ways that it was impossible for Mr or Mrs Howland to help me ,or that I could make plain to the understanding of anybody, by most voluminous letters .

You know that I was the first one to try to live in the family alone with Miss Haskins ,though she had been a member of the Howland family ever since they came ,but that is a very different matter, and no one could tell what her home life would be like until the association was tried;it is some of the difficultis I have tried to endure, that I want a new comer to see for herself while I am where I can tell her some of the rocks, upon which her happiness is likely to be wrecked , so that she may not come upon them utterly unprepared as I was .

I have never had a quarrel of any sort with my associate,and I hasten to say so,lest you should imagine it,from what I have said !

If my successor ,unless she already has some knowledge of Spanish, ,could study here where she would have nothing else to do,for a couple of months before beginning her work it would be a wonderful help to her,and she would find things much easier for her when school began .

May I tell you what I think are some of the qualifications especially desirable for my successor to have ?

It would be greatly to her advantage if she could play church music on a cabinet organ, so that she could sometimes relieve Mrs H, in playing the organ in church ,and sing by note,sufficiently to teach the school new songs and sometimes give very simple lessons in note reading to them,though I know that Miss Haskins would greatly prefer to give vocal lssons herself ,but she so often has some trouble with her throa t,that I am sure it would be a great convenience and relief to her,to sometimes have some one else able to do it .

If she were a kindergartner -well trained I mean )it would be a very good thing ,for the other missions here ,notably the Adventists ,and Methodists are already making,or are going to do so, a specialty of that line of teaching ,and while we do a very little in that line,we have considerable material on hand , but there is no real kindergarten work done by us,though we call it that we have such a department ,but it really amounts to very little, and a large number of our pupils are little children .

Then too,she should know how to sew,and not think it drudgery to do so ,to be able to cut all sorts of children's clothes, and largely make them herself ;I have done it ever since I came ,and shall leave the clothes department in so much better condition than I found it , that it will not be so difficult as it has been for me ,or a tenth part of the consumer of time that it has been, for these three school years that I have been here . I have myself made over three hundred garments of different sorts ,so many of the children come from such poor families,and must be clothed by us,before they can decently appear in school .

I am not at all sure that previous experience in teaching,would make it any easier,than good common sense without the experience, for I have found that with all my years of work in the school room, that I was utterly unable to have any suggested changes carried out, in regard to the management of the school or the home, for I have been assured that every thing that I have suggested was an impossibility,in this country and among these people .

I am not sure that willingness to be directed,and quickness into falling into already established ways ,would not be far better than any amount of knowledge gained elsewhere ,especially if one was at all sure that methods which had ~~needed~~ been proved elsewhere good here also, and was at all insistent on the subject !

Of course I do not mean in the line of kindergarten , for in that, any trained kindergartner would be authority on the matter,and would not submit to any interferance from those who really know mothing .

In the matter of turning over the furnishings which I bought here with my outfit money,(and which have been very carefully used and are really very pretty) ,and a great many more that my allowance did not buy ,but which were necessary to comfortable living,it would be much easier and more satisfactory in every way,if I could turn them over personally . My idea would be,that whoever came might be here the last week in July, for school will not I suppose close earlier than the last of july, and it will take me at least a week or perhaps more to get away,so she would see us in working order,and have all vacation to study and get acquainted with people and the work .

You see at what tremendous ~~lenth~~ length I have written,but ,somehow I could not seem to make it less ;I hope you will excuse it because I believe all I have said comes legitimately into the line of missionary interests !

Don't you believe some one can be found in six months to come ?

May I ask that you consider the matter of my marriage as told you in confidence,so far as the missionaries in Mexico are concerned,outside this especial station ? Of course I have told these here ,but I do not want the matter talked about ;it seems to me,that by and by my resignation is sufficient to have them know,together with the reasons that decided me to resign before I made the second promise !

Besides,~~not~~ none of my most intimate friends,have the slightest idea of it, and will be greatly surprised that I,whom they gave up as a hopeless case long ago ,am at last to be married ! I am as much surprised as anybody,myself !

Thank you for your kindly note ;the Howlands are not very well the children having all three had the measles ,Berthafor the second time !

With most pleasant memories of your visit to Mexico and the subsequent journey and kindest regards for yourself and the friends at the rooms I am

Very truly Yours

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Guadalajara, Mexico

June 28, 1896

Guadalajara Mexico March 1st 1895

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You are quite at liberty to make any statement of reasons for my resignation that you think necessary or desirable, and if you will kindly urge the appointment of my successor (if it should be deemed necessary to fill the place by an American ) so that she may have a month for uninterrupted study before the next year of work begins, I am sure it will be an excellent thing for her and for us .

Will you let me ask unofficially, if the expense of my return to the U S is borne wholly or in part by the Board, or if I am at my own charges since I resign and am not sick ?

I see nothing in the Manual just received, to enlighten me on the subject .

I am not sure when I shall be in Mass, but when I do come, I shall come to Boston and shall have the pleasure of calling on you and perhaps introducing my husband !How strange that sound now I have written it !

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Thank you very much for it, for that I have written in haste I suppose the matter will be presented to the Com. and I feel very much that I have a friend at court who thinks my reasons for resigning good and sufficient, and who will speak me fair if it is necessary!

Since the Committee are all married gentlemen I have a feeling that they will look upon my action with leniency, and even if they might not quite approve, they certainly won't call it a "youthful indiscretion"!

You are quite at liberty to make any statement of reasons for my resignation that you think necessary or desirable, and if you will kindly urge the appointment of my successor (if it should be deemed necessary to fill the place by an American) so that she may have a month for uninterrupted study before the next year of work begins, I am sure it will be an excellent thing for her and for us.

Will you let me ask unofficially, if the expense of my return to the U S is to come wholly or in part by the Board, or if I am at my own charges since I resign and am not sick?

I see nothing in the Manual just received to enlighten me on this subject.

I am not sure where I shall be in May, but when I do come, I shall come to Boston and shall have the pleasure of calling on you and perhaps introducing my husband! How strange that sound now I have written it!

With thanks for your good wishes and hoping every good thing for you and yours, I am

Yours very truly

J. L. B.
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Guadalajara Mexico March 1st 1895

Rev James L Barton:—
Cong'l House Boston,

My dear Dr Barton :-

A combination of circumstances have arisen ,which make it seem best that I present to you my resignation from the work of the A B C F M in Mexico ,to take effect at the close of the present school year ,probably the last of July or the very first of August .

When I entered upon the work of a missionary ,I knew no reason why I should not continue in it as long as life and health were spared to me , but as you perhaps know.I came home from Japan utterly broken down ,but recovered sufficiently to resume work here three school years ago .

My association with the Board has always been very cordial, and I have only the very pleasantest memories of the courtesy always shown me by all the officers of the Board, and my associates on the two fields where it has been my good fortune to be stationed .

Although I am leaving definite Missionary work on foreign ground, I do not feel that my interest in or work for missions is by any means ended ,for my knowledge of the needs ,the encouragements, and the trials also , will be of the greatest service to me in interesting the young people wherever I may be ,in the needs of those who are yet "without God ,and without hope in the world ".

I shall be greatly obliged, if the matter of my resignation need not be made public so far as the Missionaries in Mexico are concerned, till more nearly the time of my closing my work here -perhaps until the Annual meeting,which I believe comes in June some weeks before the colse of our school year ,for I want if possible to save talk and question until it is necessary that the matter be talked over among my associates .

Of course I have talked freely with Mr and Mrs Howland and Miss Haskins ,and they approve of my course ,

Having had so very pleasant a personal acquaintance with Dr Daniels last summer on the ground, I have written him freely in regard to a successor ,and he is entirely at liberty to tell the Prudential Committee what I have written,as to what seems to me to be needed here . I shall be most happy to render any assistance in my power, and will gladly answer any questions you may ask .

Hoping that I shall receive a letter from you granting my request and approving my action I am with kindest regards

Yours Very Truly Florence White

Guadalajara, March 1, 1870

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-3-95
Ans'd 7-8-95



Guadalajara June 26th 1895

My dear Dr Barton ;-

I am wondering as the time draws nearer for our school to close what progress has been made in finding just the right one to take my place and I am moved to write a line of inquiry this morning in regard to it .

I hope some one has been found or at least thought of for I should like very much to be put into communication with her before I leave Mexico because there are several things that are not sufficiently official to write to the Board about ,and yet would be essential to her comfort and pleasure .

If the place is to be supplied at all, to my mind it would be well to do so as soon as might be done ,because hereafter we are to come into strong competition with other Boards ,in a way that we have never done before .

Perhaps that is not a worthy motive ,and that all christian work is to be regarded as satisfactory but I am sufficiently denominational to feel that in many respects our especial form of church government and work are the best for Mexico !

Let me tell you what I mean by competition ;The Methodists have just received a large appropriation and have bought a fine large property for a school -they have been here less than a year you know ; and the Second Adventists have opened a large Orphanage and school for they too have an appropriation of a thousand dollars a year in American money so one of their teachers told me that sum for the present and more whrn it is needed !

Their Orphanage and school are free I am told ; They have a force of eleven missionaries already on the ground ! It seems to me important not to lessen our fource which is small at best .

Mr Howland needs a helper very much, and we need property of our own so that we may not be at the mercy of landlords At the end of the lease of two years (one has already gone ) Mr Howland must move again which makes I believe ten times in the twelve years he has been here that he must spend time and strength and infinite patience in hunting a house to live in .

At this moment we as a school are more fortunate for we rent of a man who does not care who lives in his house so long as the rent is paid and so I suppose we are comparatively safe for the present ,but how soon the owner may wish to occupy himself, or trump up some reason for requesting us to "move on " like poor Joe no one can tell,

Guadalajara, Mexico, March 1, 1896

When Dr Webb was here he saw the need of our having a house of our own as I am sure he must have told the Comm. over and over again ,I speak of this now because I think in the eyes of the people it is a great disadvantage for the missionaries of our Board to be obliged so often to change place of residence ,while those of others have large property and are always to be "found at the old stand " !

,I am not yet quite sure when our school is to close but early in August I suppose . My invalid sister of whom I wrote, and upon whose condition my resignation was made at first.(other things entered into it later you know ) is more than usually ill, and is I suppose failing surely ; the Dr gives no hope of her recovery ,though she may go on as she is for some time .

May I hope for a line from you before very long in answer to my inquiry ? If I may I shall be very greatly obliged .

We are all quite as usual in health and courage ;we received two new pupils yesterday . With kindest regards to all Iam

Yours very truly

Florence White.

Guadalajara, June 26, 95

Dr. Davis

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Chihuahua, Mexico
Jan. 8d, 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir and Brother:

The enclosed card will announce to you the joy that has come to our hearts. While the clock was striking twelve, ringing in the new year, our little daughter lifted up her voice for the first time in this world. We are, indeed, happy and highly blessed. The child, though small, seems to be perfectly well, and the mother has done remarkably well so far.

I am sorry to say that Mr. Case has been so troubled with his limb that he at last concluded to come here to have another operation performed upon it by Dr. Paschal, the one who operated on it in our house here two years ago. He is a very good surgeon, the one in charge of all the Mex. Cent. R.W. hospitals, and has a fine practice in this city and is called to all parts of the state. This afternoon the operation was performed, in Mr. Eaton's house, and was more successful than could have been expected, as the hole was bored in the bone so as to strike the cavity exactly, and a considerable quantity of pus was immediately extracted. This was not the case with either of the other operations,

and the doctor is confident that he will be greatly relieved and benefitted. One sixteenth of an inch to one side or the other and he would have missed the cavity.

We are rejoiced to hear of renewed interest in missionary work, and pray that the Lord may guide as well in the actual work, as in the provision of means for prosecuting it.

Sincerely Yours,
A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright
June 22 1890 Chillicothe

Chihuahua, Mexico, 1/20, '90.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,

Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your of the 11th is at hand. I read it to Mr. Eaton, and he will write you about the Indian work offer, and something of our thought about the location of Mr. Whaling. The idea of Mr. Case's taking the training school is not a new one, and a few months since I asked him what he would think of such a plan. His reply, as near as I can remember, was "under no conditions could I think of undertaking it." He has gone back to his field much relieved, and encouraged. Your inference that in view of the promise for pushing the Indian work I might prefer to remain at Cusi, has also been expressed by the brethren of the mission. I would reply that I do not wish my personal preference to have any weight in deciding the matter. I wish to be where I can do most in advancing the Lord's kingdom in this field where He has put me. On many accounts, it would be pleasant to remain in Cusi; for health, for promise of speedy fruit, and wide enlargement of influence, for almost universal friendliness of leading men

these are some of the attractions of Cusi. On the other hand, if Mr. Whaling joins us, it will be possible to hold that work, and develop it a little later, when he shall have gained the language. (The money for the Indian work was not offered on condition of my remaining in Cusi, in fact all the correspondence has been with Mr. Eaton). Neither the work there nor in any other part of the field can be developed without trained native helpers. The school is the first, the imperative need. The brethren of the mission have thought that, under the circumstances, I was the one to take charge of the school. While fully realizing how much I lack of being fully prepared for that work, I am willing to undertake it if that be the desire of the mission and of the Board. If that be not the desire I shall remain very contentedly in Cusi. Still it does seem as if I must know the decision soon in order to know how to plan my work, and to save considerable expense both to myself and to the Board. In regard to plans for co-operation, I am sorry that there seems to be so much confusion. We will agree to almost any plan which will allow us to begin

work and soon, in El Paso Mexican girls, and with a lady teacher to help in the elementary branches, and begin a school for children. It would be impossible for one person to carry on the school, and attend to the necessary church work also, without the last mentioned help. While the plan you suggest (Board, and two trustees from each society interested) would be satisfactory to us, we fear that it will be hard to realize. In the first place we do not see where suitable trustees on the ground, could be obtained. The experience of the New West Conf at Santa Fé and other places, has shown the danger in selecting any from other denominations. In the second place we fear that the money would be hard to obtain in that way. And third, if obtained, for the first year or so it would be more than sufficient for the needs, and in succeeding years much less than would be required. I am not sure that you understand Mr. Hood's thought in regard to the management, or if so, I have not understood your statement of it. The plan proposed at the Conference at El Paso was, first, that in order to start the enterprise, the Am Board furnish a director for the school, he, of

course, being responsible to his society, but being entrusted with the general control of the school, ~~and~~ renting buildings, and care of students &c. Second that the New West, furnish a lady teacher to work under and with the director, and also provide for a part of the running expenses, The Am. Board providing for expenses of such students as should come from Old Mexico, and perhaps, at first, a part of the rest. Third that the A. H. M. S. co-operate by contributing at least (not "only" as quoted from Rev. J. B. Clark in one of your letters) $25.00 the first year toward running expenses, and Fourth, that the Education Soc. be asked to aid in the expenses of the students, at any rate such of them as should come from the U. S. This was to be only a temporary arrangement, made in the hope that one society would eventually assume the entire control of the school, with the hearty co-operation of the other societies in soliciting funds and students for the school. It was the general opinion of the conference, that the New West, being distinctively an educational society, could best do this. We of this mission think that if that society eventually desire to do so, the Am.

Board could well afford to give up one of its men to continue the work in the school, if needed, perhaps, after a few years, continuing his salary, and, if deemed best, finally surrendering him entirely to the society that takes charge of the school. We think that the Northern Mex. Mission would thus gain much more than it would lose by conducting the school entirely within itself. This would be an essentially union, and co-operative school. The only objection to the Am. Board's taking entire charge of the school is that the other societies would not see their way open to help at all, either at first, or later.

One more point I wish to say a few words. It is my opinion, and seems to be becoming more and more, that of the entire mission, that even in case of a failure of any plan of union, it would be best for the Board to locate the training school in Paso del Norte, rather than in Chihuahua, or any other point of the state. There will be especial arguments in favor of this if Mr. Whaling is added to our force. The principal reason for this opinion is the conviction that is is the wisest plan in mission work to extend

the personal influence and supervision of the missionaries as far as possible, consistent with the adequate development of each station. Chihuahua is not in greater need of two missionary families than are the other stations. In all probability within three months Paso del Norte will be abandoned by our mission unless the school is established there, and a missionary sent. In spite of the organization of a small church there, of Mr. Eaton's quarterly visits by which much good has been done, of the presence of the best native help we have had to occupy there, in view of the increasing difficulties and discouragements of that work Mr. and Mrs. Eaton have very recently expressed the opinion that it may be best to abandon the work unless the school goes there. That means to give up all work in the thickly populated Rio Grande valley. Of course we do not feel very anxious to give up a prosperous and promising work to engage in such a discouraging task as presents itself in the Paso del Norte field at present, but Chih. can be kept along and Paso del N. will be lost if something is not done. Recent developments are particularly discouraging under the notion at work at Paso del N.

Mrs. Wright and the babes are doing very well indeed. I am now planning to return to Chih. this week, and to go to San Ysidro a little later. It is hard to leave wife and child with so few of the home comforts as we have been able to bring from Chih., and with so much small-pox and other disease in the city, and even the congregation, but it seems necessary.

Yours truly, R. C. Wright.

Chihuahua, Dec. 20, 1890

Rec'd Jan. 27

Cusihuiriachic, 2/18, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 2d inst, to Mr. Eaton has been forwarded to me, and I am, accordingly, making all arrangements to go El Paso del Norte within a few days, to see what houses are available, and on to the necessary preliminaries to a meeting with Mr. Hood and as many of our brethren as can attend on or about the 28th of this month. Being so far from the R. R. and with but two mails a week, I shall have to rely on Mr. Eaton to fix definitely the date.

I left Chihuahua to return here on Jan. 28th, but on Feb. 4th rec'd word that Mrs. Wright was sick with the epidemic, and strongly threatened with pneumonia. The next morning I started on horse-back and rode the 80 miles in 25 hours without change of horse. She was much better when I arrived, and indeed, had telegraphed me not to come, but after I had started. Within a couple of hours after reaching Chihuahua came a telegram requesting me to marry a couple in San Isidro, one being a member of our church there. After consultation with Mr. Eaton, it seemed best to go there immediately, by stage, starting the next morning at 3 o'clock for the 25 miles journey. I was enabled while there, besides the regular services, to make

definite arrangement for beginning work on the chapel. The wedding was attended by probably 125 people, largely young folks, who came altho they knew there would be no dance (it is the almost universal custom to dance at weddings) and that the only attraction would be the marriage ceremony by a Protestant minister. On returning, last Friday P.M., somewhat tired, for besides the travel, it had turned cold while I was away, and Mexican houses have no conveniences for cold weather, and the sun is supposed to be a sufficient stove, I found your letter, above referred to. On Sunday I celebrated the Lord's Supper, receiving three to membership here in Cusi, with other three or four to be received at the next communion. From every quarter we hear expressions of regret at our departure, even from some of our most Catholic neighbors.

I understand that Mrs. Wright's brother, Mr. O. C. Olds either has, or is about to, apply for appt. to this mission. It would give us great pleasure indeed if he were accepted, and I am sure he would be a valuable addition to our force. I believe that you will soon hear what the mission think about it, through a paper originating entirely independently of us. In regard to my sister's request to be transferred, & work with us, it would also give us the greatest joy if a way should open to permit this, and I am in hopes that it may; but it was a mistake, or rather a failure of mutual understanding, to have the matter presented to the Prud. Comm. just yet. We must wait a little to see what the openings, and needs are. With kindest regards,

Sincerely Yours R. C. Wright.

Cosihuriachic, Feb. 18, 1890

Rec'd Feb. 25th

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El Paso, Texas, March 1st, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter written by Mr. Case, has been seen (by) and has received the approbation of all the male members of the North Mex. Mission, including Rev. Mr. Whaling.

We have just concluded our conference here with Mr. Hood, and have made arrangements for the opening of the school by April 1st, or immediately on my arrival and settlement after going back to Cusi to sell goods & bring over not sold there. Will write more particulars a little later.

Yours sincerely, A. C. Wright.

Corresponding Committee, Feb. 18, 1890

Chihuahua, 3-17-'90.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Feb. 27th was forwarded to me at Cuauhtémoc. I assure you that it is not from choice that I have led such a wandering and hurried life during the past few months, and if it were worth while to relate the experiences of the last two weeks, while making the arrangements for our new work, I am afraid that you would think the former experiences, at least equalled.

But we sincerely hope that this rush is nearly over. I do not ask for less work, but, I hope for less of uncertainty in our plans, and a little more quiet in which to work.

While I have been chiefly occupied of late in business arrangements for the proposed change, sale of furniture, packing, &c. the time has not passed without its spiritual blessings also. Many of the leading men, in business and in offices of the State and District, have expressed their regret at our removal, and in various ways have shown that it is sincere, and have also been gratified at being assured that our evangelical work was in no sense to be abandoned there. The Jefe politico, the

chief officer of the district (the State is composed of nine Districts corresponding somewhat to our counties) requested a letter of introduction to the new man when he should come, and assured me that he would guarantee to him, as he has to me, protection in all our religious services in any part of his district, and he hoped that we would establish churches in every town. But it was among the christian brethren that the most feeling was expressed. They are sad, indeed very sad, at the thought of our departure, and the last meetings have been among the tenderest I have ever attended. But they are in no way disheartened. These have been reconsecration meetings, recognizing their peculiar responsibility, and praying for strength to meet it. At the last meeting one who has hesitated for a long time, wished to be proposed as a candidate, and perhaps one of Mr. Whaling's first public acts in his mission service will be to receive this man to the church.

I am glad there is so much interest in the new work we are entering. We begin it with strong hope & earnest desire. We shall probably leave here tomorrow, so that letters hereafter may be addressed - C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Texas -

Very Cordially Yours
A. C. Wright.

Chihuahua, Mexico, March 24, 1880

C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso Tex.,
4 - 1 - '90.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of March 7th was duly rec'd. I have been very much occupied with the many difficulties of moving in this country, especially when a part of the family is in one place, with a part of the goods, and the rest in another. On returning to Cusi. I found a great depression in business there, owing to difficulties in the Mining Co., many families leaving, two of the principal stores selling out, and I was very fearful that I should not be able to sell our goods to any advantage. But they must be sold, for another journey of 80 miles in those freighting wagons would entirely destroy most of the furniture. I was surprised, however, to see how readily they sold, altho' of course, the prices they brought were low for that place. While we shall not be able to replace all our outfit with what was realized from the sale, we shall get along very well I think. At present we are in our new house, a comfortable one of American make, but small. I cannot express the relief it is to me not to

live in constant dread of the next rain that may come on account of your roofs.
We are not entirely settled yet, as we had to send for some furniture which has not arrived, so that we are sleeping on the floor, but very glad to be together once more. The mission work here has degenerated very much, but I hope to secure a chapel more centrally located and am sure that the attendance will be largely increased by this move. Rent is high, and good rooms in the center are extremely hard to obtain, but I am on the lookout for something practicable.
I cannot bring the students here until after the Annual Conference at Parral. During our long delay several of the candidates have become unavailable for various reasons, so that the start will be small.
Next week I leave for Parral.
Has nothing more been heard from the W. M. S. in regard to co-operating?
Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright.

C. Frazer Smith
Esq.

C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Tex.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Mch. 25th just rec'd. I beg your pardon for not having written more fully about the plans for the School. I had supposed that Mr. Case would write, as he is the Secretary, and I did not wish to repeat what he might say. At our conference with Mr. Hood we had a very harmonious and profitable series of meetings. Mr. Wholing was present at most of them, and Messrs. Eaton, Case and Hood were to write to the leading denominational papers short accounts of meeting and of the proposed school. The name agreed upon in English was, The Rio Grande Congregational Training School. Ciudad Juarez, is the name of this town, formerly known as Paso del Norte, and it is connected with El Paso, Texas by two street-car lines. It was understood that for the present the expenses of the school, and the salaries of those employed would be equally divided between the two societies, the N. W. E. C. and the A. B. C. F. M. My salary was to be $1200.00 Am. money not counting rent of house, and that of the teacher to be sent by the New West, $600.00. We looked at all

the available locations for the school, and as no suitable one could be obtained just then, it was agreed to rent only the house for dwelling, utilizing that occupied by the Mission chapel now, for the young men, and leaving to me the securing of rooms more centrally located for day-school &c. as soon as practicable and needed. Mr. Ford could not tell us whom he could send here, nor when she could come exactly, and has not been able to do so yet. The house we now live in will cost $450 of Mexican silver for the year. The present chapel costs $13 of Mex. a month, but for the students will need to be enlarged and subdivided. My great desire is to secure a good centrally located room for chapel, and I am sure that the attendance at services will be largely increased. I have today rec'd $100 of Am. Cy. from Wm. H. Hubbard, Treas. of N. W. E. C. In addition to hunting houses, buying & selling furniture, moving &c, I have been corresponding widely in search of suggestions for the best curriculum of study for this new enterprise. Of course at its beginning, and with so ~~little~~ small a teaching force, it cannot be very exhaustive, but my chief object is to have it very Biblical, and my greatest lack is of texts in Spanish. If I have not fully explained any point, please inform me, and I will write more fully.

The days or weeks for rest which you suggest, I fear will have to be post-poned a little, but during the hottest time here, it is possible that we may have to "escape to the mountains" for a little while.

Yes, it is true, that Mr. Whaling's position does embarrass us a little. We hardly know how to plan until he has definitely decided. Still, from what he told me yesterday, I suppose that certainly we may count on six months more before he can enter our Mission, and I presume that it will be much longer. We know that our M.E. South Brethren have looked with longing eyes on the Sierra region, and it would not be wise to leave that work in such a state that it could be called abandoned, or even without regular visits.

I have written to Mr. Aldst today, but as he is needing a rest after his seminary course, I cannot say whether we can count on him before fall. I meant to say that Mr. Whaling's church have petitioned the presbytery to instal him here, and have set the date for April 27th. The outcome is doubtful, to me, at least.

With kindest regards—

Yours truly,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. a. c Wright
C. prayer —
Rec'd Apr. 8, 1890

C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Texas.
4-17-'90.

Rev. U. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 8th is at hand, and contents noted. I had supposed that it was understood that the Board would furnish an equal amount with the New West, which, as you know, has appropriated $1500 to the training school for one year. I knew that $1000 had been appropriated to begin the school, but supposed that to be exclusive of salary. If, however, the two societies are to bear equal portions of the expenses, the salary or salaries should also be counted in, as I explained in my last letter, and the simplest way will be for the two societies to appropriate equal amounts, and each appoint representatives to examine my accounts regularly, and report as to expenditures and methods, and plans for the future. With the $3000 as above indicated, I expect to get through the first year, salaries rent, and all connected with the school work included, altho' it will be with strictest economy only that it can be done. Please tell me whether I shall so plan, viz that the Board grant $1500 for the first year of the school, understanding that my salary from the first of this month, be drawn from the joint fund of the Board with the New West.

Rev. A. C. Wright

I hear from Mr. Alda that he has received his appointment to Northern Mexico. We rejoice in that, and hope, with you, that he may be able to come to the field soon, but certainly not at the expense of his health. The need is great, especially with the uncertainty about Mr. Cain being able to continue in his present field.

At our conference in Parral I was requested to write some account of the meeting which might appear in the "Missionary Herald" if thought best, and I accordingly enclose what may be so used if desired.

I expect Mr. Hood here this month, and Dr. Bliss soon after, to see about the new school. I hope to have three students by the first of next month.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Wright and myself, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

A. C. Wright,

C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Tex.
4/30, 1890.

Rev. U. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 19th is before me. I have written Mr. Olds that unless he should be here by the first of June, I should strongly advise him not to come until the last of Sept. The heated term is very long here, and a very unfavorable time for becoming acclimated. We have hoped, and the Mission seems to concur, that he would pass a few months with us in learning the language, and I could also tell him more about his future field, than any one else, if he go to Cusi. But even that, perhaps is in the balance. We are anxiously awaiting further word from Mr. Case, who telegraphed one last Friday, (the 25th) to wire Dr. Humphrey for a reduced fare permit to Chicago, as amputation was necessary. A letter written the same day told of his sufferings, and that he intended to come right on. We have had no further word, altho' we have expected him here for two days.

Of course no one can tell how much this may affect our plans as a mission.

In regard to Mr. Whaling, I will say that while I regard him very highly, I do not now see much prospect of his entering the mission field. Certainly we cannot count on him for immediate needs. Last Friday I rec'd and accepted an invitation to preach the sermon at his installation over the church in El Paso, on the 27th. There was a very large audience at the services. His people consider that they have gained their point, and that he is permanently located.

The house I have rented is only large enough for the family. I shall use the rooms rented by the mission for chapel, for the school until something more appropriate, and centrally located can be secured. To day I have had a very good property as to location, offered me by sale for $4200 in Mex. Cy. and considering the great difficulty in securing any thing whatever in the center, and the rent usually asked of from $40 to $100.00 a month, I am surprised at the offer, but do not suppose that we are ready to invest in real estate quite yet.

Cordially Yours, A. C. Wright.

a. c. Wright

Apr. 30 1890

Mr. Case.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Viâ El Paso, Tex.)
May 5th, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 24th ult. was duly received. No further details in regard to the management of school since my letter of April 2d, have been agreed upon. The one thing which occurs to me as needed and practicable at present, is that each society name some person to act as visitor, the two representatives arranging to visit the school at some fixed time, and also that these either audit the accounts of the school, or make definite arrangements for the regular and satisfactory auditing.

As yet we have no students from the U.S. side, and no immediate prospect of any as far as I can learn. Mr. Ford will probably be here within a few days, and then I shall know better. He has written me, also, that

C. C. Marsh

Sec. Bliss would be here some time this month. I have only one young man here yet, but should have had two others probably, if Mr. Case had not had this last set-back, of which you have undoubtedly heard. He left here last Friday for Chicago to have the limb amputated. If the operation is successful and the limb heals well, we may expect him to continue his work with more vigor and regularity than before. I expect the two young men from Parral, however, within a few weeks.

I enclose copy of the prospectus of the new school in English (I have one ready for the printer in Spanish also) with the thought that the printing could be done more cheaply and better in Boston than here, and also that it might be desired to have extra copies at the Rooms to distribute with other missionary leaflets. If it can be so arranged, please have it printed in small leaflet form, convenient for enclosing in ordinary envelope. I would like to have 500 sent me. I will send today a copy to Sec'y Bliss, and perhaps they would also like to have copies to send from their rooms.

Cordially Yours, A. C. Wright.

C. Juarez, May 5, 1890

Rec'd May 12

Chief.

# The Rio Grande Congregational Training School.

By Rev A. C. Wright of C. Juarez.

This is the name of an institution recently organized jointly by the A. B. C. F. M. and the New Mex. Ed. Com. in Ciudad Juarez, just across the river from El Paso, Texas.

## Object.

Its object is to give a practical course of study and evangelical work to Mexican youths who wish to prepare themselves for the Gospel Ministry. A full theological course of instruction will be impracticable for most of those who will come to me at first, ~~on account of their~~ owing to lack of a good educational foundation, as well as of means of support for so long a course. ~~but this would necessitate~~ For the present the plan must be ~~but the object is~~ to drill them in the Bible, in the way to use the Bible, and the way to win men,

Rev. A. C. Wright
to Juarez Mar 5 1890

and then to send them out to "make disciples." It is expected that with the further development of evangelical schools and churches among the Mexicans, both in New and Old Mexico, better prepared material will be available for this training-school, and that it will gradually raise the standard of scholarship, and will extend its course of study.

## The Need!

"Is there need of such an institution?" Let me outline the actual condition of our Mexican work. In the state of Chihuahua we have seven churches organized, and nine regular congregations, with ~~not~~ one ordained native preacher, and only two lay helpers. In Sonora there is one church, and ~~there are~~ several places which call urgently ~~and loudly~~ for evangelical

preaching, but we have no one to send to them. The secretary of our mission ~~calculates~~ judges that we could employ thirty preachers today, if we had them.

In New Mexico there are more Mexicans than Americans, and still we are doing practically nothing for them in church work. Why not? Can they not be reached by the Gospel? Yes, they can, and they prove to be as susceptible to the preaching of the Word as the average of our countrymen are. Are they worth saving? Shame to any Christian who will formulate the question! Do they make good christians? My observation has been that the converted Mexican is one of the most devoted and faithful of God's chosen ones.

The two reasons why we have no church work among the

Mexicans (of the United States) are, first that we have had no one to preach to them in their own tongue, and second that the A. M. S. has had no money to support that work. We hope to furnish the preachers, and confidently trust that the Lord, through the Congregational Churches of the United States, will furnish the means to support them until self-supporting churches shall be raised up on the field. That day will not be long in coming if the Mexican churches of the future live as literally as do those of the present day.

The Support.

This school is to be supported jointly by the foreign society, and the home society which is engaged in educational work among the same people. "Why is this?" It is because the work is for Mexicans and the Rio Grande does not

separate that race, though it does mark the division between the two countries; because the support of both societies is from the same source, the congregational Churches of the United States; because of economy, for we should be obliged, at all events, to begin immediately such a school in Old Mexico, and another would soon be called for in connection with the schools of the New West, and the same churches would be relied upon for the support of both.

2d Location.

This also explains the location selected. El Paso is, and is to be the R. R. center as well as the geographical center of our home and foreign field of work for Mexicans. The school is placed on the Mexican side of the river because we already have a church organized there of

Mexicans, because it is the center of a larger Mexican population, and because, for the present, the school can be carried on there with less expense.

We, as a denomination, through the New West Company have done and are doing much for the Mexicans in the line of education, and we ought not to leave them without christianizing them; nor ought we to turn over such good material as our schools afford gratuitously to the other denominations. Better a thousand times that they should take it than that we one should, but why not profit by this grand work ourselves?

NOP So then, we are establishing a new institution. It will call for money, here, but in order that we may call for less in the future, by training up missionaries on the field

instead of sending all from afar. It will need money, but its is consecrated money, and its source of supply is the grand fountain of christian love.

It has called for work and sacrifice and devotion on the part of those most interested in it, and it will call for more. We ask for the prayers, the interest and the hearty coöperation of all the congregational churches in this new work for the Lord.

Inquiries for further information may be addressed to the writer of this article.

~~A. C. Wright~~

C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso Texas

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Rec'd May 12, 1898

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Training School.

Rio Grande Congregational
Training School,
C. Juarez, Mexico.

Via El Paso, Tex.
May 21st, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.,

My Dear Sir:

Your favors of the 7th, 10th and 14th were duly rec'd, the latter today. Mr. Hood was so rushed that he did not make the proposed visit, but is now in the East, at Saratoga and other places. He writes that Sec. Bliss intends to come, but I do not know when. The New West. treasurer sent me $100 last month on school account, and I expected $75 from the same source for this month, but on account of arrangements pending I presume, nothing has been received. Happily, Mr. Eaton has been able to supply the funds needed, but I hope to know soon what to count on for the future.

I sincerely hope that the Home Miss. Soc. will join us in this enterprise, as it seems to me that it should do, even for its own interest, for the day is coming, with the Lord's blessing on the work, when this will be an attractive feature of the work as well as the important one which it already is.

Mr. Olds expects to be with us the first week of June, I believe. With kindest regards,

Cordially Yours,
A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright –

C. Juarez –

May 21 1890

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C. Juarez, Mexico. Via El Paso, Texas.

May 27th, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

On Saturday last (the 24th) Sec. Bliss of the N. W. E. C. arrived, and after spending Sunday with us, and Monday morning driving around with us to consider the question of the most favorable location for our work, left at noon of Monday. He was much pleased with our Sunday congregations, and remarked that the work was of more importance than he had anticipated. He preached for us, while I interpreted, and all were pleased. We talked over plans as fully as possible, and I hope that he will see you before very long, in Boston, to give you his ideas personally. He favored the plan which I suggested to you in my letter of May 5th, and thought that such an arrangement would be sufficient organization for the present. I was sorry to find that nothing is yet determined in regard to the teacher to be sent, but this conference will not only hasten that matter, but will give him a much clearer idea of what sort of a teacher we need here. We discussed that point at considerable length.

In regard to the transmittance of funds, we agreed that it would be best for their treasurer to send me directly a certain sum monthly. He will try to interest some one in sending us an organ for school and chapel use, which is much needed, and thinks that his Soc. will furnish the school furniture we need in addition to the grant made. Sincerely Yours- A. C. Wright.

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C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Tex.
June 3d, 1890.

Rev. M. G. Clark, D. D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Brother:

I enclose a letter ad. which I received while in Cusihuiriachic, but not having any need for the article then, had simply filed for future reference. In connection with the school we are beginning, this Manikin would be of great utility, and I write to know whether one can be obtained for us. If practicable, it would be much better to have the cost of this come from other than the $3000 contingent fund, as I think, if those who now expect to come, arrive, that sum will be fully employed in running expenses of the school.

Mr. Bliss, since leaving, has kindly written and sent a catalogue of school furniture, asking that I select such as will be needed for the school, and he hopes to get a special grant from his society for this, about their $5-00. At this point we are more favorably situated for obtaining such goods, than at the points in the interior, for we are in what is termed the "Free Zone" and the duties charged are only 3 % of ~~them~~ the full rates, which is practically very small indeed, the commission agt. fees being more than the duties except on large amounts. All are well. We expect Mr. Olds on Friday. Cordially yours

A. C. Wright.

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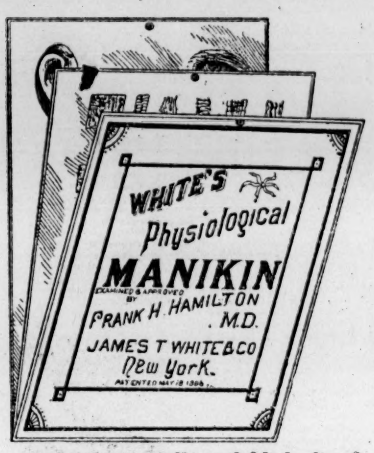


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New York, Oct. 19th. 188 8.

Alden C. Wright,

Dear Sir :-

We take pleasure in sending to you the following statement from Dr.E.K. Alden in relation to the White's Physiological Manikin:-

"White's Physiological Manikin has been exhibited before several of the members of the Prudential Committee of the A.B.C.F.M., and it was the unanimous opinion that it would be of great utility to Physicians and Teachers in the Missionary field, as an educational help in schools and Colleges, also as a means of training natives to become nurses and hospital assistants". [Signed] E.K.Alden, Sec.

The A.B.C.F.M., were so highly pleased with the Manikin as an auxiliary to Missionary work, that they considered a proposition to take 200 for distribution among their Missionaries. It was however finally decided to supply them as ordered by individual Missionaries. We deliver them to the Board, each packed in a case ready for shipment. We have already supplied about 25, and every Missionary returning to his field has taken a copy. We therefore beg to suggest that if you would like to have this "Assistant", you make your request immediately, and take advantage of the liberality of the Board.

The Manikin is a substitute for a $1500 French Manikin, and is indorsed by the leading Physicians and Colleges, as the most perfect exposition of Anatomy, and the best substitute for the Cadaver ever devised. It is life-size, very compact and portable, and weighs only 12 pounds. It is indestructible, and proof against any climatic influences. Dr.Chamberlain of India says there is nothing equal to it for giving the native population a working knowledge of the Human Frame, and bought 12 copies. The International Medical Missionary Association says it should be in the hands of every Missionary. Every Foreign Missionary who has seen it, has ordered a copy for the instruction it affords, and for its intrinsic usefulness to himself. It is a demonstrator of Anatomy without salary.

The demand among Physicians has been so great that the first edition of 5000 is entirely exhausted, and we have been compelled to make a new set of plates, which are only just now ready. If you will ask for your copy immediately you can secure a "proof" copy.

Your name was marked by the Board as one to whom to send the Manikin had it made the purchase as first contemplated, so that your request will be at once honored.

Very respectfully,

James T. White & Co.

C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Texas
June 9th, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 2d just at hand. Mr. Eaton had very kindly invited Mr. Alda to go directly to Chihuahua, but as the invitation included the carrying on of the preaching services in English every Sunday, and as Mr. Alda's special object in coming so soon to the mission field was to be able to be preparing for the work by contact with it, by hearing the language constantly and by studying but little during the hot months, ~~For this reason~~ Mr. Alda agrees with us in thinking that it would be better for him to remain with us for a few months, but he is entirely willing to go to Chihuahua, or to any other place that the mission or the Board direct.

We think we can make him comfortable here, altho it certainly is hotter than in Chihuahua. We had a special service of welcome for him yesterday which was very fully attended, and a delightful occasion. Many went away because unable to get into the chapel. Inclosed a program. Our American friends of the Pres. & M. E. Churches of El Paso participated, and thoroughly enjoyed the services.

Have you any idea of the time ~~before~~

when Mr. Case may be expected to return?

It is hard to answer your questions about the expenses of students in the school, first, because of lack of sufficient data for calculating ahead, having only one month of experience and that with only one student, and second, because of uncertainty as yet about the rent of a suitable building. With only one student, I have not been obliged to take any more than the mission was renting before, but shall rent a suitable place as soon as one can be secured. It seems extremely hard to find, however. With only one person I have to count $2.50 Mex. a week for board, but with a number, hope to cut it down to $2.00. Tuition expenses to cover board, room-rent, lights, and washing, and use of books, certainly could not be counted less than $15.00 Mex. silver a month. To the boys who come from our churches we shall have to grant more than that, to buy clothing, and cover all incidental expenses, for very few of them will be able even to pay car-fare here. As the churches grow and our field is extended, this will gradually change, and those who can pay more may be expected.

As soon as anything definite can be determined on the points named, I will write you more fully. In case I am unable to secure suitable property to rent for school purposes, is there any probability that a proposition to build would be encouraged?

Yours sincerely, A. C. Wright.

Rev. H. G. Wright.

C. Juarez, June 9. 1890.

Rec'd June 18.

C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Tex.
June 16th, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 7th is at hand. I will write to Mr. Swett today to find out on what terms the Mansion of J. T. White & Co. can be obtained, and the probable cost of transportation to El Paso.

In regard to the organ, if Mr. Smith is disposed to donate one for this work, it will be most gratefully received, and constantly used. I have just heard from Miss Jennie L. Pratt, at present in Santa Paula, Cal., who accepts the position of assistant teacher at this place, to begin work Sept 1st. I am glad that question is finally settled.

With kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,
D. C. Wright.

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C. Juarez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Tex.
June 28th, 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

I have been making out the balance sheet of the school account to day, and will enclose you a copy. It shows an average monthly expenditure of $146.44 Cur., but that will soon be increased by at least $30.00 for rent of school building, and $50.00 salary of the lady teacher. On Sept. first I expect five or six boys as boarders, which will increase expenses materially. As I have not heard of any action taken by either the two societies in response to my request that at least one person be appointed by each society as advisory committee and auditors of my accounts, I see no way but to send such a balance sheet as this each quarter, to you and Sec'y Bliss. The book with detailed account is open for inspection, of course, whenever desired. Do you hear anything about the organ yet? If Mr. Smith does not donate one, I can probably secure a considerable reduction from the Estey Organ Co., and we esteem their organs highly. By recent letters we find that the question as to which lady will come to our aid is not so definitely settled as we had supposed, but we hope to know soon.

All are well, and unite in kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

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June 28 1890

C. Juárez, Mexico, Via El Paso, Tx.
July 2d, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

I am reminded by Mr Eaton that the estimates for 1891 should be sent in soon, and therefore write to ask whether the amount needed for the Training School must be included in that set as the limit for the No. Mexican Mission. I had supposed that that was not the case, and indeed it would confuse things in every way. Besides the almost impossibility of doing it, the grant already ~~app~~ made of $15 00 for first year, I suppose to be for the year from the time of our arrival here, April first.

In case this is not to be included in the amount given, shall I send to you and to Sec'y Bliss estimates for 1891, viz from April '91 to Mch. '92? You can readily see how difficult as yet, it will be to make careful estimates, with entire uncertainty in regard to number of pupils in each department of the school.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright.

Rev. a. C Wright
July 2d 1890

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) July 9th. 1890

Rev. W. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

There is a young man, Mr. Birlew at Deming, whom Mr. Ford has urged to come here to carry on studies with the ministry in view, expecting that the A. H. M. S. would help him financially. I write to inquire what would be your opinion as to the advisability of employing him (he is a carpenter) in case the A. H. M. S. fails to provide for him, to come to superintend a manual training department in this school, and carry on his studies at the same time. The boys will need regular exercise, and can thus prepare themselves for better service in any field. The property I have at last secured can be readily fitted up for such a department. It will be an entirely new departure in the educational line in Mexico, and I

believe, just the thing needed. We could begin in this way very economically, as it would virtually be only the living expenses of Mr. B—, the few carpenters' tools needed to keep a half dozen boys busy, and lumber enough to build a shed. Of course, if it is as successful as we hope, it will eventually require a greater expenditure, and a constant one, for I believe that the work turned off from such enterprises has not usually been sufficient to cover the expenses.

Before making definite arrangements I would like to run up to Deming to have a thorough discussion of the subject with Mr. B—, to know the man personally and judge whether he would be an efficient helper in such an enterprise.

I write to Rev. Bliss on the same subject today. If he could come immediately, he could help materially in fitting up the house for the school.

Cordially Yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright,
Corresponding Secy.
Rec'd July 9. 1890.
Ans'd July 14.

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) July 27, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir and Brother:

I enclose a letter just received from Sec'y Clark of the A. H. M. S., thinking that now that Sec'y Bliss is in Boston, you may have an opportunity to confer together on the subject. I have written in reply, that I favor the plan as the best thing available, if direct coöperation in management and sustenance of the school is not practicable. I also stated that we could not calculate on less than $15.00 Mex. a month for each pupil that was wholly dependant on us for support.

I am pleased to learn that the New West have just voted an additional grant of $165 for furniture for the school, and the good should now be on the way.

I am just returning from a trip to Deming to consult with the young man to whom I referred in my last letter (July 9th). I think he will do well to begin the industrial department, if it seem best to do so, and he will be of a very great help in many ways this first year. In fact, if he should come, he could (and is willing to do so) relieve me of a multitude of little routine duties, thus giving me about one half more time to put on preparation of material for study for the students. As I notice that my letters of June 28, July 2, & 9, have none of them been acknowledged, I have inferred that you may be out of the city, but I hope that this industrial dept. subject may receive as early attention as is practicable. I have already heard from Sec'y Bliss, who favors it. The young man is so much interested in the work that he is willing to undertake it for the first year with no remuneration further than his board and some help in directing him in his studies, and room, which would not exceed $20 or $25 a month. He would bring his tools, and also

Rev. A. C. Wright
July 22, 1890

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a small printing outfit, which would be very useful to us in our missionary work, as also in the school. What would be needed to establish this dept. and sustain it for a year from Sept. first would be 6 sets of the simplest and most necessary carpenters tools (saw, hammer, plane, square, and one or two other pieces), lumber to put up a rough shed, and material to work on. I calculate that with $150.00 above the expenses of the young man as noted above, we would have enough for the year.

I am heartily in favor of the project, and believe we can make it a success. I would like to have the man come right on to help in fitting up the property, just as soon as I receive anything to undertake the enterprise. I could employ him steadily from this date.

Sincerely Yours,

A. C. Wright.

P.S. Please return Mr. Clark's letter. —

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) Aug. 12th 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 30th is at hand, and contents noted. I am glad to have a definite decision in regard to students sent by the A. H. M. S. and hope that several may come. Do I understand that this is to apply to all who may come from the U. S. side, or only to such as may be supported by the A. H. M. S.? I am in receipt of a note from Mr. Hood telling of a young man, a Mexican by birth, but educated in Ohio, who offers himself for the Mexican work, and whom Mr. Hood hopes to have adopted by that Society and sent to this school for a short course of preparation. This would be a great help to us in various ways,

and I hope will be realized.

I am glad that you approve of the plan proposed for a beginning of an industrial department. With the present opportunity we can begin with very little outlay, and the young man will be able to live with the boys and have general oversight out of school, thus relieving me of a great responsibility.

I am sorry to hear of your illness, and hope that the relief will be permanent.

Can you tell me whether any thing has been done in regard to the organ? It would be of great advantage to have it here with the rest of the furniture, and at the opening of the school Sept. 1st, but unless already on the way, that will be impracticable. Can we count on it soon?

Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards.

Yours truly

A. C. Wright.

C. Juarez, Aug. 12. 1890.
Rec'd Aug. 18.

# THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) Sept. 24 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

I am glad to be able to report that Mr. Gordon E. Birlew has been here since August 19th, and has, as I am informed, been adopted, or commissioned in a sense, by the A. H. M. S. Mr. Hood tells me that the Society prefers to send the $20.00 a month on his account direct to Boston, which is satisfactory. I suppose that this amount will be added to the general fund for the school from the two societies, and would suggest that it be sent as received to me, to avoid the complication of reducing it to Mex. Cy. when transferred to Mr. Eaton, and then reducing back again to Am. Cy. in reporting to the New West.

Mr. Hood, at his visit last week, seemed well pleased with the prospect. A very destructive flood has damaged the school property (rented) and made it necessary to defer the opening until Sept 8th.

Yours truly. A. C. Wright.

C. Juarez, Sept. 2, 1890
Rec'd Sept. 8

# THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) Sept. 5 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Mr. Olds informs me that the organ for our school and mission work here has been shipped. It would facilitate matters here to know by what route it was sent, and, if possible, to have the Bill of lading.

We are now just preparing one-half of the house in which to begin the school next Monday. The other half was so damaged by the flood that several days will be needed to repair it.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright.

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Sept. 5 1890

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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING
SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) Sept. 19, 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 10th is at hand. I am glad the organ is on the way, but have received no bill of lading, and do not know by which route to expect it. It will be a great help to us, chiefly in the religious services.

I noticed what you say about the funds from the A. H. M. S. and it is entirely satisfactory. You mention, however that Mr. Eaton has been appointed by the Board, as a trustee, to act with one from the N. W. (perhaps Mr. Hood) and I am glad that this has been done, but had received no notice to that effect before, and am sure that Mr. Hood had no knowledge of it when here a few days since. Has Mr. Eaton been so notified? School goes well. With kindest regards from all. Yours truly. A. C. Wright.

Ren. A. C. Wright.

C. Juarez. Sept. 19. '90.

Recd Sept. 25. 1890.

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING
SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) Sept. 20 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I wrote you saying that I had received no bill of lading for the organ, but I have now to report that the letter containing it has arrived via Cosihuiriachic. It seems that my residence has not been changed on Mr. Swett's list, altho I have notified him of my removal, and have had various letters from his office.

Cordially Yours
D. C. Wright.

Recd. C. Hughes.

C. Juarez. Sept 20. 1890.

Recd Sept. 25. 1890.

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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) Oct. 8 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

On last Saturday the organ arrived at our house, and was unpacked and placed in the chapel that night, to lift up its voice for the first time in our regular services of Sunday. We are much pleased with it, and very thankful for it, and I hope to send a letter from the native brethren to Mr. Smith, thanking him for the gift. It is carried from the chapel to the school room during the week time, and so does double service.

We are arranging the program for a grand Congregational Rally at this place during the holidays, having the New West teachers the Home Missionaries of New Mex. and Ariz. and the Northern Mex. Mission all here. A large attendance is promised, and both the New West and the Home Miss. Soc. intend to have secretaries here. Will not our Board think it of enough importance to send a representative? Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

Ciudad Juarez, Oct. 8, 1890.
Rec'd Oct. 14

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A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) Oct. 11. 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

In connection with the organ recently received from Mr. Smith, I find that I have been charged through the Mission Texas.

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| For freight. $5.72 Am. @ 1.08 = | | 5.91 Mex. |
| and I have paid, freight there, 4.95 " @ 1.13 = | | 5.59 |
| Transfer, Duty and Commission | | 4.60 |
| Total. | | 16.10 |

As no provision for the refunding of that amount has been made, I write information as to what will be the best way to cover it.

Rev. A. S. Mathews, of the New West E. C. has just visited us, and is deeply interested in the school. Both he and Mr. Hood insist that we ought to build within a year, and get rid of the heavy rent now paid.

Sincerely Yours
D. C. Wright.

C. Juarez, Oct. 11, 1890

Rec'd Oct. 16

P.C.

Ciudad Juarez,Mexico,

Oct.28th,1890.

Rev.N.G.Clark,D.D.,

Boston,Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 22d just receivedand I note the grant of $16.10 for freight on the organ sent by Mr.Smith.It is my plan to have a letter written by one of the members of the church,thanking him for the organ.

I hardly know what to say in regard to your remarks about Mr.Olds.Perhaps the chief reason for his going to Parral was the thought tha t,being with Mr.Case,it would be much easier for him than to go into an entirely new field, and so far from any other one of us,with whom to advise.Now that the Cusi.field is so broken up by that fire since we left,it will make the work an essentially new one.But that matter will be settled definitely at the annual meeting in December,I suppose. Will it not be possible fpr you to be here at that time?We are planning to have a grand meeting,and are assured of the presence of representatives of the other societies.

In regard to the school I can say that the prospects are very good indeed.There are four Mexican boys studying with the ministry in view,threeof them boarding in the builingand one living with his parents and coming daily to his lessons.Another will be here from Chihuahua the first of

next month. There are also the two young men, Mr. Birlew and Mr. Ford, sent by the A.H.M.S. and whose studies are carried on in English. Miss Field's department is already full to over-flowing with thirty pupils and others coming all the time. Of course it is not the numbers that makes it hard, but the fact that there is no way of grading them easily and they range literally from five years to over sixty. With our present accommodations we cannot receive more than two more students in the building, but if they should offer themselves we would manage to provide for them in someway. Five others have sought to be received as boarders, but they are all younger and their parents are unable to pay anything for their expenses and have not the ministry definitely in view. Of course I know that at present I have no funds to apply in aid of such cases, but it does seem too bad, in the case of some of them, to refuse tohelp them when otherwise they will have no chance to gain an education.

It seems to be the opinion of allthose who see the work here that a property ought to be secured and a building erected very soon, and this high rent avoided. I certainly think so. Our church services, also, are on the increase, the one held Sunday afternoon having risen from about twenty to over sixty. A Christian Endeavor Society was organized last Sunday with eighteen active members andfifteen associate.

But I must close. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

R. C. Wright.

a. c. Wright
C. Frazer
Oct. 28 1890

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING
SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) ...11/25th, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Clark:-

Yours of the 4th was duly received, and I was especially glad to learn of the appointment of Mr. Hitchcock as representative at our meeting to be held here. I was acquainted with him in the seminary at Chicago.

The school is doing well. We have one new student preparing for the ministry. Last Saturday Miss Field was taken sick, which gives me much extra work, and there are several of the native brethren sick also, taking care and time on our part.

I notice what you say in regard to aid given to needy boys; I suppose you refer to those that do not have the ministry especially in view, and your idea is the same that I have had. In especial cases, however, it is often hard to dedide what is best to do.

Mr. Olds has made himself very useful indeed here, taking a part of my English classes in the school, preaching several times and in many ways helping in the work. How I shall do all after he is gone, I do not know, and I am sure that no one person can do justice to such a work or, indeed, endure the strain for a long time. I do it for the present only to start the school and show the necessity of developing it. The programs for our meeting will be out soon and I will send you one.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. C. C. Wright

C. Juarez, Nov. 25-1890

Recd Dec. 1

# THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Cd. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) .....12/9,....1890.

Rev.N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Cor. Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston,Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of Nov. 29th is at hand,and contents noted. The reason that estimates for this school were not sent with the rest for this mission was that it was not understood that they were expected in that way. Also,in making such estimates,much depends upon the fullest cooperation between the societies,and I wished the advice of others on several points before making the estimates. This advice I hope to secure during the coming conference at this place.

The sums you mention as having named for this school ,at the present rate of exchange,amount to a total of $2280.,an advance on the appropriation for the current year of $780. If the New West will make a similar advance I think it will be enough,but certainly a considerable advance must be made.An increase in teaching force is imperatively demanded. The officials of the New West who have visited the school, Secretaries Bliss and Matthews,and Supt. Hood,think that the question of building should be taken up immediately,and favor the proposition.

I will send you the data you request as soon after the 31st of December as practicable,but on account of the conference meeting at the same time it may be somewhat delayed. For that reason I will send

you a summary of the items up to the 31st of Nov. from which you can calculate the average expense. While the first months of the year did not have as many expenditures as the later ones, the last three months have more than made up the average on account of the necessity of buying supplies for several months and especially the outfit for boarding and keeping the students.

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| Total expenses of school, from April 1st to Nov. 30th,-- | $1989.21 U.S.G. |
| Received in the same time from the "New West"-- | 725.00 " |
| Received from the A.H.M.S.,-- | 80.00 " |
| From Tuition,--- | 15,80 " |
| From Contributions by various individuals,-- | 33.20 " |

I thank you for the kind words of advice in regard to the instruction in the school, and will try to profit by them. I wish that you could visit the classes and see what they are doing. My greatest effort is to give them practical training in the Word of God and not a day passes without drill in it in some form or other.

With sincerest regards from us all,

cordially yours, A. C. Wright.

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With sincerest regards from us all.

Cordially yours,

J. C. Hepburn.

C. C. Hepburn
Jan. 1st 1878

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING
SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) .....1-2, 1891.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston,Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 24th is at hand,and I am glad to say that the one sent in my care to Mr. Eaton also reached here before he had gone. Our conference is over. We have had a most delightful and helpful meeting and it has been one that will be long remembered. It certainly has done more to create active sympathy between the workers of the societies represented than any thing that could be devised. An illustration of this is the fact that not less than four of the New West teachers expressed to me the wish that they might,either now or in the future,be engaged in the work of this school.

I enclose,according to your request,a statement of the account of the school,putting in both the statement for the last quarter, which includes all the receipts outside of the appropriations,and an account of all the expenses for the year. The policy of the New West has been to pay a certain sum monthly at such a rate as to fill out their appropriation of $1500.00 with the year,and have now paid $9~~75~~50.00 and expect to pay $175.00 a month.

In your favor of the 16th,to which I have not replied before on account of the press of other duties,you say that you do not under-

stand how I " make the total of$2,280. an advance on the appropriations for the current year of $780. as now made for your school." It is true that it is no advance on the appropriation of my salary and $1000. but I am doing my utmost to keep the expenses of the school within $3000 for the entire (Gold) which is just double the grant of the New West. as I wrote that I should endeavor to do at first. In case I should be able to do this there will be an unexpended balance of the appropriation of the American Board,and in view of the enlargement so much needed for the coming year and that the estimates enclosed for the year do not calculate for more than eight students and make no allowance for further outlay for outfit or other expenses,I would most earnestly request that such amount be added to the appropriation granted.

I enclose also a copy of the action of the advisory committee but must add that at a later informal meeting,on hearing what you wrote in yours of the 16th it was agreed to let that subject wait until a more favorable outlook could be taken. All were strongly impressed with the need of beginning this work,and the fact that Mr. Birlew, one of the American students,says that he would gladly undertake the putting up of the building,for which he is fully competent,and that he could do all the carpenter work himself with the help of the students, and thus occupy them advantageously during the vacation of the hot months,makes a strong argument for doing this now while we have him at our disposal.

In view of the very great difficulties in the way of securing and holding property in this place, what would the Board think of the project to let the New West buy the land and put up the buildings in El Paso, Texas, holding it in their own name? That society already has property in the U.S. while it would be quite an innovation for the Am. Board to so purchase in the home land. This would not give to the other society any more influence in the conduct of the school, nor on the other hand excuse them from an equal proportion in the current expenses. I am assured that such a proposition would be considered by them, and that money ($500) has already been offered them for building for this school, and for myself, I do not see any objection to the plan. It seemed also to meet the approval of the brethren to whom I mentioned it during the conference.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M. Boston, Mass. N. W. E. C. Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) ..... Dec. 22d, 1890.

Meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Rev. A.C.Wright, Director of the school.

Rev. E.Lyman Hood, Representative of the N.W.E.C.

Rev. J.D.Eaton, ,, ,, ,, A.B.C.F.M.

It was agreed unanimously that property should be bought, and a building erected in El Paso, Texas, transfering the school to that side of the river.

One of the most important considerations leading to this decision is that although remarkably good terms have been secured for the rent of the buildings now occupied, yet it would require but five years of this rent to amount to the entire cost of land and building in El Paso. The difficulties of securing property in C. Juarez are very great, among other things, it being required to secure a petition of the town council for that purpose, which must be granted by the president of the Republic. No property can be held in Mexico by any religious society or corporation.

Inasmuch as the American Board has already made its appropriation for the ensueing year, naming the sum of $2600.00 Mexican Silver, we request the New West Ed. Com. to appropriate the same amount, for with careful estimates on the present basis, at least $4300.00 Gold will be needed for another year.

Rev. A. C. Wright
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Jan 2 1891

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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING
SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, (Via El Paso, Texas.) .....1-16, 1891.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston,Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 9th was awaiting me on my return from the trip to Cusihuiriachic and San Ysidro to introduce Mr. Olds to his new and my old field of labor. We had the coldest weather of the season during our journey,but made the trip of 710 miles,260 being in the buggy, in nine days. I could not spare more time from the school,and that only through the kindness of Mr. Bissell,who took a few of the classes during my absence and while he was waiting for his goods to arrive from Guadalajara,and to hear from you in regard to their going to the new field of labor. The brethren in Cusi. have done remarkably and are keeping up the services regularly. Although the place has suffered so severely by the removal of about two-thirds of its inhabitants, the number of the members has increased,and now that the mining companies seem to be about to renew their work there it is quite a promising point to work. All were delighted to see their "pastor" as they still consider me,and had planned to send out delegations by the two roads by one of which we would have to arrive,to meet us. Our arriving a few hours earlier than they had expected us forestalled this,but they had a room ready and all things prepared for our comfort (according to their ideas of comfort) and for the meetings. I have never attended meetings

where a better christian spirit was manifested or more sincere experiences given. Three men in succession got up to say that they had abandoned the habit of smoking since I had left, and two more to promise to do the same from that night, and this entirely without any allusion to the subject on my part. In San Ysidro the work has not made so much advance, but is holding its own well and they are getting ready to put up the long-talked-of building. They need the constant attendance or visits of a minister. There are several very promising points in that region that need visiting and promise good results.

In regard to the school, the number of students in training for the ministry at present is eight, six of whom are receiving aid from the general fund of the school and the other two are supported by the A.H.M.S. The estimates for the next year were made on the basis of eight receiving aid from the general fund, as we hope that the school will grow at least to that extent. The elementary department had 35 enrolledwhen the illness of Miss Field made it necessary to suspend, but Miss Stahl from the Las Vegas Academy has been appointed to take her place and is expected here within a few days. However, as she has not much command of the language as yet, she will not be able to take up all that work immediately, but will help me with some of the branches the young men are now studying. ~~xx xxx~~ This department was not mentioned for the reason that it is more than self supporting except the salary of the teacher, and so did not need notice in the estimates. We do not regard it as being especially supported by the New West however, or as be

belonging in special manner to them more than to us, for the appropriations of the two societies are put together without distinction, and all the expenses of the school', salaries included, are taken from that fund. The societies are considered as equally interested in the school, and in both departments of it, and the teachers are not especially appointed to one or the other department of it.

The subject of buildings for the school was carefully and fully considered, and although we were all prejudiced in favor of this side of the river at first, the difficulties in the way were so seriuos that all agreed as expressed in my last. The item of rent is a large one, as you have doubtless noticed, and four or five years of that rent would pay for ground and buildings needed. I would be glad of some expression from you in regard to the proposition of the New West to build and hold the property in their own name, understanding that this would in no way compromise the conduct or control of the school. Sec'y Bliss asked me to present the subject to you, but possibly you would prefer to write to him personally on the subject.

While, as you remark, the amount asked for the school ($4320) seems large for the education of eight young men, it is to be remembered that this includes clothing, food and everything for them and so will be remarkably cheap as compared with the total amount expended in the education of young men, even in larger institutions at home; that $2640 of this amount is for salaries and rent, and that with this is included christian school influence over the 30 or 40 children in the elementary department and all the missionary work in the church with regular preachin

preaching,prayer-meeting and sunday-school services,and all that this implies in its influence in the community. Of course with the increase of students the relative expense will be reduced,but really with the present number we have a good representation for the number of churches and members in our mission,especially when we count the native helpers employed in the different stations. In order that you may know more definitely what the mission as distinct from the school committee, thought on this matter,let me quote from the minutes as recorded by the secretary. "The matter of the removal of the Training School plant from Juarez to the other side of the river in El Paso,was discussed,and the following votes passed:That in view of all the considerations presented, we as,a mission,would approve of the proposal that the N.W.E.C.procure and hold in its own name,the land and buildings for the Rio Grande Training School,it being understood that the expense and maintainance of the school continue to be met jointly by the two societies.

That we consider it of importance that some agreement be made between the A.B.C.F.M. and the N.W.E.C.as to the way in which the outfit and property of the school aside from the land and buildings be held."

Mr. Eaton was requested to prepare (after consultation with me) a statement of the reasons leading to this movement,for presentation to the Prudential Com.

At this meeting also it was voted to "endorse the application to be made to the Board by Mr. Wright in behalf of himself and wife,for leave of absence to visit the U.S. during the necessary vacation of the school in the heated term of the year 1891." As a general thing I

shall be glad to put this time into evangelistic among the churches of our own mission, or in working for more students, but last summer's experience has shown us that it is not best to try to pass that time in this, the hottest point in the State, ~~but~~ and this year, after five years of work without a day of vacation, and only two weeks of rest taken last summer by advice of the doctor to avoid serious illness, we have thought that we would like to spend this vacation among Mrs. Wright's friends at the north. I am led to believe that it will be for the best good of the school that I have some such rest before long, for the strain is great to keep up so many classes in two languages and do as much outside missionary work as falls to me to do.

We were all very much pleased with Dr. Hitchcock's visit, and we hope that it may not be the last favor of the kind that we shall be permitted to enjoy.

This long letter has seemed necessary to clear up some of the points mentioned in your letter, and I hope will not prove tedious.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Wright and myself,

Cordially yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rec'd. Jan. 16, 1891.

C. Juarez

Rec'd Jan. 22.

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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING
SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico,

P. O. Address.
Box 452 EL PASO TEXAS.

January 26th, 1891.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Can you ascertain for me whether there are any more copies of the enclosed to be had for distribution here? A great many excursions pass through here, and there are many tourists on the regular trains, some of whom occasionally visit us and are interested in the work. If I had enough of these to send to such excursion trains and to distribute to those who come to see us I think that it would be very useful in giving information about our work.

In case that there are no more of these to be had, I would like to know whether it would be better to send some similar sketch but bringing the report up to date, to Boston, to be printed, or shall I have it printed here?

Cordially yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. N.G. Clark

Rev. a. C. Wright

El Paso

Jan. 2 1891

# THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

C. Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 13th, 1891.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favors of Jan. 30th and Feb. 3d were duly received. Mr. Eaton writes me that he has also written to you of the reasons for the action taken by the mission in the matter of the building, and we are much gratified by the action of the Prud. Committee.

The last clause of yours of Jan. 30th I do not understand. You say "Perhaps the rent of the new building may in part offset the special charge required for your salary."

You make no mention of our request for leave of absence for the time of the necessary vacation of the school. On account of the heat, it will be best for us to leave this place, and various considerations have led us to desire, this year to go north. This does not take any from our regular work, as it will not be longer than the vacation will be regularly.

Miss Stahl, the new teacher, promises to be a very valuable helper indeed. She has the true missionary spirit, and a sound body and mind to support it. She has been called home suddenly by the severe illness of her father, but will return as soon as possible.

Cordially yours, A. O. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright

Feb. 13 1890

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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING
SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 25th, '91

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 19th is at hand. I presume that you have heard from the society ere this that the New West is taking an active interest in the proposition to put up the buildings for this school. Already they are raising the funds, and with very good success.

I simply referred to the remark quoted from your letter because it seemed as if you had an idea that the American Board was paying more for the support of the school than the New West, or that it was paying my salary as distinct from the other expenses of the school. That is not the case however, as you will see by reference to my letter of Jan. 18th, in which I say: "The appropriations of the two societies are put together without distinction, and all the expenses of the school salaries included, are taken from that fund." Our socity is really paying less than the New West, for we get the pastoral work and preaching of the missionary for the mission church, while his salary is divided equally between the two.

There is a deep spiritual interest, and promise of a blessing in the church. I wish that I could tell about it, but with the monthly examination questions to prepare, and all the classes on my hands, I cannot take the time now. It has been our hope to take this "furlough" without extra expense to the Board. Yours, A. C. Wright.

C. Juarez Feb. 25, 1891

Recd March 3

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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico,
March 16th, 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,
Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 3d was duly received. As I said in my former letter, we will do the best we can, in case we do go north, to keep within our salary, and think we shall be able to do so. Since coming here our expenses have been more than in any other place on the field, in proportion to the salary we receive, and it has been all that we could do to keep along, but we have lacked nothing so far.

The work is progressing very satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

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A. C. Wright

March 16, 1891

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# THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

N. W. E. C.
Chicago, Ill.

P. O. Address.
Box 452 EL PASO TEXAS.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico,
Apri; 3d, 1891.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Sec'y American Board,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find financial statement and report of the school for the year ending March 31st . xAs you will notice, I have been able to keep the expenses within $3,000 for this year, so giving to each society an equal share in its support. Consequently there is a considerable surplus from the appropriation made by our Board, which was, I believe, $1,000 and my salary. I am especially glad of this in this time when the Board is so pressed for the funds needed for the work in all parts of the world. We cannot hope to continue another year on so small a sum, for last year the rent for the school year did not begin until August, the teacher from the New West was not here until September, and students were not received until that date. It was really only half a year of full school work and expense.

Hoping that we may speedily hear that the call for retrenchment has been made unnecessary by the response of the home churches,

Most Sincerely yours

A. C. Wright.

A. C. Wright

Rev. A. C. Wright —

Apr. 30 1891 SC

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

P. O. Address
Box 452 El Paso, -TEXAS.

N. W. R. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico,
April 21st, 1891.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Sec'y Am. Board,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 9th is at hand. In regard to our going on the vacation to which you refer I must say that things are not now in such shape that we can well leave for the planned-for visit to friends. There is nothing definite in the arrangdments for the building which the New West propose to furnish, and we have given up the plan for this year, hoping to carry it into effect next year. The months of June, July and ~~September~~ August are so hot here, however, that it does not seem wise to try to stay right here, and we may go up into the vicinity of Las Vegas, from which point we can know what is going on here, and be on hand when needed.

The building which the advisory committee recommended the New West to buy has been lost by their refusal to pay what was demanded and I do not now see any other way than to buy lots and build, which will cost much more than was proposed by the other plan. Still it will be a more satisfactory building.

Sincerely yours,

A. R. Wright.

Guaymas, April 21, 1891
Rec'd April 27

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING
SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

P. O. Address
Box 452 El Paso, -TEXAS.

N. W. B. C.
Chicago, Ill.

Ciudad Juarez, Mex.
April 29th, 1891.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 15th is at hand. In regard to the teacher needed I will say that as soon as we move to the other side it will probably be best to begin the elementary department, but that there is little hope of being able to do much in that line on this side just at present. As soon as that department is started again another teacher will be needed, but perhaps not before. There was a project considered of buying a building formerly used as a hotel for the school and so avoid the delay of building, but that has about fallen through I suppose, and we can form no opinion as yet, as to when we shall be on the other side.

However, as you request my opinion in regard to Mr. Bissell's transfer to this place, I will speak of it now, although I do it with a little hesitancy. In the first place, I do not think that he would prefer this work, nor that he would like at all to change again. Then the expense would be great, and I know of no way in which we could continue the work begun in the state of Sinaloa. Also the fact that he came to Mexico with the especial object of engaging in educational work but was not continued in it made me inquire rather particularly into the reason for this when we visited Guadalajara, and without a word of

depreciation of Mr. Bissell, I must say that I believe that he will do better work on the paper and in the field than in the school. I was a little disappointed with his management of the school for two weeks last January while I was away on a tour, and must say that the students also did not especially enjoy him. This is not to disparage Mr. Bissell, but to show my opinion, that his place of greatest usefulness is not in the school. I have thought that it is much better to speak frankly on the subject as the truest kindness to all concerned. If one is to be taken from the mission force, Mr. Olds is the one best prepared for this especial work, as well as the one who is the least firmly established in his field as yet, I have had no word directly from the New West on this subject as yet.

Most sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

C. Juarez
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East Las Vegas, New Mex.
July 10th, 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

You will notice by the heading of this letter that we are not at present in Ciudad Juarez. We are here in order to get away from the excessive heat of that place for a little time, and find it a delightful experience to come into this cool atmosphere. Tomorrow we go to a ranch 30 miles from town, and to reach it we shall have to mount on burros for seven miles of the trail. I suppose that we shall be there for about a month.

I have brought my work with me, and shall be occupied in translations for the school work of the next year, and in carefully outlining the work of the different classes, as well as in other writing which I should otherwise be unable to accomplish. The change of scenery, coolness of the air, and freedom from preaching will be a rest, and all of us, especially Mrs. Wright and the baby, would have been pretty well run down with the heat in Ciudad Juarez.

The first month of my "vacation" was spent

on a trip thro' the interior of the state of Chihuahua. On Monday night, June 1st I left C. Juarez on the train with five of the students, a part returning to their homes for the vacation, and others on the way to fields of evangelical work for the same time. At 2 P.M., after a ride of 125 miles, I left the train with one of the boys. We slept the rest of the night in our blankets, on the platform of the depot. In the morning we started with some brethren who had come in a lumber wagon to meet us, and were three long, tedious days in going 80 miles, on account of a jagged-out horse. The nights were spent very comfortably on the open prairie, with no other covering or mattress than the blanket.

On Friday night I preached in El Valle de San Buenaventura, on Saturday held the preparatory services for the communion, bought a horse for my further trip, and visited many of the brethren in their homes. This is the point in which José, the student I took with me is to work for the summer. Account of the organization of the church here, and other items, about the fanaticism of the place have been noted in the Herald. On Sunday we held the L. S. service, and organized a J. P. S. C. E. of 17 active members and four associate, in the morning, and in the afternoon had preaching service with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and received one member to the church. The next day I started on early with José, (who returned a few days later) both on horse-back, as there is no

wagon road where we were to go, ~~riding~~ and rode all day, 40 miles, thro' a wonderful canyon, with precipitous sides rising from 100 to 500 feet and so narrow that we had to cross the river 60 times. That night we spent in Cruces, a town in which no evangelical work has yet been done. We preached the Gospel for about ~~2~~ three hours, reading, singing and praying with our host, who was a very intelligent blind man, and all this in spite of a severe headache on my part, bro't on by the long ride in the heat. My bed was a stiff dried cow's hide thrown on the earth floor, but I was kept awake by a band of music in a neighboring store until 2 o'clock, and by the barking of dogs, and the talking of men for the rest of the night. About 4 o'clock I heard a group of men approach, most of them drunken, and talking about the cursed protestantes. Several were urging the others to do something. I could not quite hear what, ~~which~~ one voice seemed to call upon the others to desist, and time and time again I heard that voice urge them to go home, which, at last, they did, much to my relief. The next day we travelled about the same distance, and at night reached El Refugio, where a little later we were rejoiced to see Mr. Alder drive up ~~in his buggy~~ from the opposite direction, having come from Parral, about 300 miles distant, and bringing another of the students who had met him at Chihuahua.

There I preached for six consecutive nights to a congregation that has recently been organized there by the owners of the saw-mill, and I was delighted to see the way in which they are sending the Gospel message to all the country around. Eleven gave their names as ready to follow Christ, and Him only. Mr. Olds was taken seriously ill the second day we were there with threatened inflamation of the bowels, and I had to attend him as well as I could, without medicine, or doctor's advice, and with no way of securing such food as he needed or could relish. After the first day he improved gradually, but was very weak. On the following Monday we all drove 25 miles to Namiquipa, to open work there, if possible, by holding a service in the house of a man who was converted at El Refugio in the first preaching service held there, and conducted by Mr. Olds; but this man was out of town, and it seemed better to wait until he could help us. The next day we started for San Isidro, a two days' drive, where I held five meetings with full houses, but Mr. Olds' continued illness made it necessary to take him to El Paso as quickly as possible, which I did in four days, via Chihuahua. He is now with us, and gaining in strength daily. The tour described was of about 550 miles, made in less than four weeks, with sixteen preaching services, the organization of a promising Y. P. S. C. E., visiting three organized churches & taking first steps in organizing another by banding together 11 new converts, and the visiting of many entirely new points.

Hoping that you may have a most pleasant summer, I am, Yours truly, A. C. Wright.

Gabriel Ruiz, Refugio
Nicolas Zuniga, Refugio
Nicolas Ruiz, Refugio
Nicolas Ruiz, Refugio
Nicolas Ruiz, Refugio

THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M. * * N. W. E. C.

Address Letters to Box 452. El Paso, Tex.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
Sept. 30,-'91.

To the Members of the North Mexico Mission, the American Board, and the New West Ed. Com.,

Dear Brethren:-

I am pressed by the growing needs of this school to communicate to you the following. When I took up the work of the training school for the Mexican youths who desire to prepare themselves for the christian ministry it was because that was the greatest need in our mission work, and the first step in the development of a work for the evangelization of the Mexicans in the United States. It was with the hope, expectation and prayer that the work would grow on our hands, and with the assurance that the growth would be fitly provided for. The growth has come upon us, perhaps sooner than we had expected, but certainly not sooner, nor greater than we need to supply the demand for preachers for our field. The first year of the school was a very successful one in every sense I believe. The whole number of students preparing for the ministry was nine, including two Americans. An important elementary work for dayscholars was begun, but interrupted by the sickness and subsequent departure of Miss Field. This work has not been continued fully as yet for the double reason of lack of school-room, and lack of teaching force, since with the coming of a new set of students this year, and the advance of those who were here last year, the class work is nearly doubled.

We now have in the school 14 boarders, all but two of whom are

candidates for the ministry. We are expecting two more within a short time, which will fill up all the room we can possibly make in this building for boarders, and I have applications from four others who desire to be received. In addition to this, Miss Stahl has consensented to take in eight dayscholars who could not otherwise attend school, but we have had to refuse admittance to eight others for the reasons above noted. The lack of room we hope will be speedily remedied by the New West society, which already has $6,000. in the bank for that purpose, and is simply waiting, as I understand, to make the sum up to $10,000 before building. There is great need that this project be p pushed.

Our most urgent need, however, is for an increase of the teaching force. We now have 27 daily recitations between us. These are all in the Spanish language, and a good proportion of them require translation and adaptation from the English, and a number are without any text at all in the Spanish. Besides that there is the overseeing of the boarding department, the carpenter shop, in which each student is required to work daily, and a considerable correspondence. I am also carrying on the preaching and pastoral work of our native church, directing prayermeeting, superintending the S.S., having oversight of the Y.P.S.C.E., and lastly trying to eke out my time by taking a department, by request of the mission, in our Spanish paper,"El Testigo." It is proposed also that the paper be transferred to this station the next year. I, for my part, am willing and glad to work, and delight in this kind of work, but in justice to it, in consideration of the importance of doing it well, and in view of the future, I feel impelled to plead for an increase in the teaching force.

What we need is a man who can take the church work off my shoulders and help in a part of the recitations. This will enable us to open the dayschool de partment for all who wish to enter, and do more satisfactory work for the young men whom we have here. We could then direct and carry on a wider and more effective missionary work in the immediate and surrounding region, and utilize the talents and consecration of the students, giving them the practise that they need in connection with their studies. We already do that to some extent, but it needs direction and planning and time which we cannot now give to it

This step has been before us for a long time, but the need now seems imperative. As the new member would be employed largely in direct missionary work this seems especially the subject for the American Board and our mission to discuss, but as connected with the school, I have wished to present it at the same time to the other society represented. From the missionary standpoint, the expense included would be very little more than the salary of the missionary and rent of his dwelling. If asked what my thought as to the person is, I should answer that I think that Mr. Olds is well adapted for this work, and I do not know of any other one ready to begin such work who could be at all thought of, on account of the importance of their present fields; but I make the suggestion simply to expedite matters, and I wish to leave the matter entirely to my brethren of the mission and the Board.

My plea is for help, and that it be granted as soon as possible. The good of all concerned demands it.

Most sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

The brethren of the mission will please reply to me, and I will make up a special circular letter on the subject if necessary. A.C.W.

C. Juarez, Sept 30, 1891
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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M. N. W. E. C.

Address Letters to Box 452, El Paso, Tex.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Oct. 2d-'91

Rev. N.G.Clark, D D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 21st ult. is just at hand. (Mail addressed to El Paso reaches me much quicker now.)

I had just prepared the enclosed letter, and was about to mail to those to whom it is directed, but I shall now add a little to the members of the mission, in view of what you have written. I am most glad that the matter has been introduced by you, as I find that with the increase of duties this year I am unable to do justice to all, and know that I cannot long keep up in health with what I now have.

I certainly am of the opinion that our paper should be kept up if it is a possible thing. I do not see how Mr. Howland can do it with his other work, and I see various advantages in having it brought here, but that is not practicable without an increase of the missionary force at this point. The boys can be trained in a short time to do the mechanical work, but under direction, of course.

In regard to the possibilities of transferring some from any other part of the field, there will be difficulties and objections in any case, for we have no men who are not needed where they are. Of all the stations now occupied, I think that the one where Mr. Olds is can be left with less loss perhaps, but I certainly realize the need and

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possibilities of that field. A new man ought to be sent there immediately if Mr. Olds should leave. We could never hold our own in the region where the Bissells are now if they should leave, and a new man could do very little there, having no direct communication with any of the older missionaries, with whom to counsel, or to call upon in case of need; nor is it very practicable for one of those now here to go there to take his place. The expense of moving Mr. Bissell's family again from that place would be almost enormous. But the most important point in my mind is that I do not think that Mr. Bissell would willingly leave that work to take up this. I know that he felt keenly the change of plans by which he went to that coast instead of to Parral, and I do not think that he would like to have to move again and so soon.

On the other hand, Mr. Olds could make the change just now more economically than any other one, as he has not as yet taken much of his outfit to Cusi. and this move would save the payment of almost all the duties on the outfit, as goods are introduced to this city on payment of only 3% (which may be reduced to 1% on low. let) of the regular rates. He, also has had experience in educational work in Straight University, and is well adapted for it. While it will be a long time before he will have perfect familiarity with the language, and Mr. Bissell would be much better for ~~that work on~~ the paper, still he could help in many other ways, and will be good in directing the manual part of the paper work, and overseeing all.

I do not think that the New West have any available man who is acquainted with the Spanish, and any other could not do the work needed and, as

I have intimated in the circular letter, the new man will be largely engaged in directly missionary work as distinct from the school work, although he will be needed in some of the latter each day. The hardest part of my present duty is to compose and preach so many sermons with no time for it, and to have no rest whatever on the Sabbath, nor indeed during the whole week.

I hope that we may be able to carry out your thought in regard to visits from the other missionaries to deliver lectures to the students. At my earnest request, departments have been assigned to each to prepare themselves on, and they have been appointed by the mission to that work. We do not want this to be a one-man education for our candidates for the ministry. The chief difficulty has been to get the men to come and deliver their lectures. There is no appropriation to cover the expense of the trip, and they all say that it is most difficult to leave their respective fields. Still I think that they ought to do it, and hope that you may help to secure for us, this, which will be a great advantage to the school.

If Mr. Eaton should be in your office I should be glad to have him see this letter, that you may talk over the subject together.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with kindest regards from all this station,

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Wright

Rev. J. C. Juarez
Juarez, Oct. 2, 1891
Rec'd Oct. 9

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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M. *** N. W. E. C.

Address Letters to Box 452. El Paso, Tex.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. 10/13/91.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I have now received replies from all the stations in the field to the circular letter of which you have received a copy, with the exception of Fuerte. From Mr. Eaton I have not heard, but you will undoubtedly have opportunity to consult with him. I quote extracts from each letter to show the opinions expressed.

Mr. Howland:- "I have too high an opinion of the consecration of Mr. Bissell to think that he would refuse to go where duty seemed to call, even though it were against his judgement,- indeed we have just seen this demonstrated--- but am sure that he would be <u>much</u> opposed to the plan, and should myself consider it unadvisable for him and for his field, which seems so promising."

Mr. Case:- "We at this station are disposed to favor your suggestion that Mr. (and Mrs.) Olds be sent to your assistance. Should that be done, I suppose that Cusi will, for the present at least, be left as an out-station of Chihuahua."

This was written before he had seen the letter from Mr. Eaton which gave hope for the addition of a man to our force.

Mr. Crawford:--- "You need help at once, and I see nothing to hinder

Mr. Olds from going to your aid at once till some definite and permanent solution of the difficulty be found." He also suggests that it would be advantageous for Mr. Bissell here, as giving him an opportunity to send his children to the El Paso public schools.

Miss Prescott and Miss Dunning, in view of the need of the Cusi field think that Mr. Olds should not be removed, and if either he or Mr. Bissell must go, are in favor of the latter.

Mr. Olds, when here saw the letters, but did not wish to express a definite opinion on the question as to whom should be sent here further than his willingness to abide by the decision made by the mission and the Board. He is, however, emphatically in favor of the immediate increase of the force at this station.

Perhaps I ought to add that my preference for Mr. Olds is not because of the relationship which exists between us, although, of course, that would add to the pleasure of the arrangement, but because that seems to me the wisest division of our force that we can make. He is well adapted to the place, and his field can be left either to a new man or as anz out-station for the present, with less loss to our work than any other point occupied.

A letter just received from Sec'y Bliss expresses his hearty interest in this movement, and approval of the plan proposed in my circular letter.

Tomorrow I have a funeral to attend before school. I enclose a card with the topics for our weekly prayermeeting to show some of the first work done by our students on a little press presented us.

Sincerely yours,

H. C. Wright.

Rev. H. C. Wright
to Juarez, Oct. 13, 1891
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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico 10/26/91.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I have just received word from Mr. Bissell as follows:-

"In reply to your circular letter we would say, in a word- that while we should suppose a retirement from this Fuerte station was not to be thought of; and while we know very little of the demands of the work in which Mr. Olds is engaged, we do recognize the urgency of the call you make and would think him to be the only available man."

This completes the round of the stations of the Mexican Missions, and there is practical unanimity on the point that if a new man be not secured immediately, Mr. Olds be sent here. I do not wish it to seem that I am urging this subject too fast, for such is not my desire, but you will readily see the great advantage and saving of expense to Mr. Olds and to the mission it will be, if he is to come here, that he be advised of it as soon as practicable. He is now buying his outfit in Chicago, (with P.O. address at Beloit, Wis., I believe,) and as he knows the situation in the two stations, could save considerably in the outfit by knowing that this would be the point of his settlement.

This note is written in the midst of the school session, but I thought that you should be notified as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. H. C. Wright

C. Juarez, Oct. 26, 1891

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THE RIO GRANDE CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

A. B. C. F. M. * * * N. W. E. C.

Address Letters to Box 452, El Paso, Tex.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico 11/3-'91.

N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your kind letter of the 28th ult is just received. We are very glad indeed to hear of the prospect of speedy reinforcement for our work here. From what you say about Mr. Broton, and from a letter just received from Mr. Eaton on the same subject, I should judge that he would be a valuable man for our work, and am sure that he will receive a hearty welcome to it.

If he should be appointed the first thought would be that he should take the place of need at this station, and I am not at all sure but that will be the best plan, all things considered. The only possible objection which I can see would be that in this place he would eventually have more or less to do in the instruction in the school, of course, and as these young men are to go out to take charge of Congregational churches, and need so much instruction in the principles of that form of government for the church, being so entirely different from anything that they have been used to, I have wondered whether those who have the charge of their instruction should not be chosen with this point in view. His Methodist training would not be any argument in my mind against his appointment for general missionary work, but the only thought is whether it would not be wisest to arrange our

force so as to give him more of the evangelistic work rather than the training of our preachers. I sincerely believe that I am far from cherishing anything of a sectarian spirit, but I must confess that I love our Congregational polity, and believe that it is worthy of careful and especial attention on the part of the instructors of our future preachers.

Still, please do not think that I would discourage the appointment of Mr. Broton; on the contrary, I am most rejoicedly in favor of it, and am surethat if he be assigned to this station, we shall work together in the closest sympathy, and complete harmony.

I am most glad to think that my Cusi. field will not either be abandoned or left to accasional visits of some distant missionary. I frequently receive most urgent leeters from some point in that field calling for help and visits, and am sure that a'missionary stationed there now will soon see the work of the Lord advance most rapidly.

Praying that we may be guided by the divine hand in all our decisions, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

G. C. Walker
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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico,
P.O.Box 452, El Paso, Texas,
11/30/91.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

We are waiting to hear more about Mr. Broton, and are beginning to think that something may have occurred to hinder his appointment. If he is not likely to be appointed I should like to know as soon as possible, for I have some hopes of certain others whom I know, and who would be excellent for the work if they can be secured.

Is there any way of putting into immediate execution your suggestion in regard to lectures for the students here from the various missionaries on the field? They have each had a special subject assigned for more than a year, but the difficulty has been twofold, first that there has been no definite authorization and appointment of times for the different ones, and second, the question of expense.

It would certainly be a great help to me, and a great advantage to the students, and I very much wish that it could be started without delay.

You will perhaps remember that on the trip that I made with Mr. Olds last June eleven persons gave us their names in el Rancho de Refugio as desiring to be received to the church. Four of those persons are here now, having come to this place on business, and yesterday were received as members of this church. A few of the others have not

given good proof of their sincerity, or rather, have given proof of lack of full understanding of the principles of true christianity, and it is not to be wondered at when we remember that they have never heard more than half a dozen sermons, and have not had the advantage of visits and instructions from either missionary or native helper.

Three more there have been faithful, and are patiently but anxiously awaiting for the coming of a minister to receive them into the church and to give them more instruction in the Word of God. They have borne bitter persecution bravely, and seem to be very sincere. The call is so urgent, and the need so great that I am now thinking, if Mr. Olds does come so as to be here by Christmas, of taking a trip during the holidays, to that place, visiting El Valle de San Buenaventura on the way, where we have a church organized, and two or three other points where there are those who have begun to show an interest in the truth. It will require a ride on horse-back of more than 300 miles and is in the uncertain part of the year for weather, but the visit is greatly needed.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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Rec'd Dec. 8

Ciudad Juarez. Mexico
P. O. Address. Box 452. El Paso. Tex.
12/2/91.

N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 27th just at hand. Am sorry that the matter of a permanent man here has been deferred. May I ask:- Have you any one else definitely in view? I only ask so as not to present the matter unnecessarily to others.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright

Cindad Juarez, Dec. 2, 1891

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Boston, Mass.

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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico 2/15/'92.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 8th is just at hand. I fear that you have failed to receive mine of the 21st of January, from your reference to Mr. Dexter, and from your remark that I have not referred to our need of reënforcements. We have been hoping and praying and writing for this object for over a year, and it is the greatest need of this part of the field. May I ask you to kindly inform me as soon as any action is taken by the Prud. Com. on the case of Mr. Dexter? It will greatly relieve us.

Mr. Olds is doing good work with us. His time is chiefly taken up with the pastoral and missionary part of the work, but he gives two hours a day to recitations in the school. Miss Stahl, the teacher sent by the New West, and myself are fully occupied all the time in instruction, the wide range of studies carried on making that necessary. We are unable to receive any other pupils at present, and shall be so until a larger taaching force is secured for the school. We consider as the object of the school the proper training of those who are preparing for the ministry, and everything else is secondary to that object. I shall try to write you more fully before long, but am obligedto close now. Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico 2/16/'92.

P.S.------ -- On glancing over my letter of last night, I see that I have not said as much as I would like to in response to your question about Miss Stahl. She is a most consecrated, thoroughly equipped, and very efficient teacher. We feel that we are very fortunate in havin her as an associate in our work, and she heartily enters into the missionary spirit of it. She will probably attend our annual meeting of the mission in Chihuahua, where she will make ~~the~~ acquaintance herself more fully with the mission work, and renew the acquaintance of the conference of last year, held here, with the missionaries,

She is a graduate from the classical course at Oberlin, and her work before, has been chiefly with the more advanced studies in the New West Academy at Las Vegas, and especially in Latin.

We are most happy to say also, that she seems contented in the work here, and plans to stay in it.

Yours truly,

A. C. Wright.

6 Guang, Feb. 15, 1892

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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico 3/16/'92.

Rev. N.G.Clark,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the fourth is at hand. We were ~~very much~~ surprised to learn of the decision of the Board in the case of Mr. Dexter, and, ~~of course, not~~ are a little troubled as to the future. Not ~~that~~ so far as we are concerned here, so long as Mr. Olds can remain with us, but on considering the need of the field. Still we do not doubt that we shall all be guided by the Allwise One in our plans.

We have just received word from our brother Epitacio Madrid who left his studies in this school to go to Mr. Olds field and do what he might to encourage the brethren until such time as Mr. Olds could return to them, and his letter gives us a list of the names of 17 persons who wish to be received into the church in Cusihuiriachic These are anxiously awaiting the coming of the missionary to receive them. At another point in his field they have erected a chapel complete, with no aid whatever from outside, and it is awaiting the coming of some one to preach in it. They have not even the aid of a native helper. One of that community came in to this place, over 300 miles, to be received into the church, and was so received a week ago.

So you see a part of the problem that is before us.

6 Feary, Feb. 15, 1892

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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

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Dr. Webb is with us today, on his way to Mexico, and expects to return in time to attend a part of the annual meeting at Chihuahua. We are greatly enjoying his visit.

My work is being largely increased now by the responsibility put upon me by the New West of deciding in regard to the property to be purchased for the school, and the making of the contracts for the buildings. It requires much time and running about, which is hard to do with the regular school work.

I shall be glad to hear if there is any other man proposed for this place.

Cordially yours,

A. C. Wright.

P. S. Two of the students who have been with me, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Birlew, were licensed to preach at Albuquerque, New Mex. by the assoc. of Ariz. and New-Mex. the 1st of this month, and we expect that another, a Mexican, will be licensed at our annual meeting, in Chihuahua, next week. — A. C. W.

C. Juarez, March 16, 1892
Rec'd March 24

Ciudad Juarez, Mex. 4/8/'92.

N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your kind letter of the 28th ult. is at hand. I have just returned from a very helpful annual meeting, of which you may soon hear from Dr. Webb. The question of securing the right man for this place is, to my mind, the most important and the most needed thing now before us, but I am entirely at a loss to know what to do next.

Your suggestion in regard to the employment of one of those whom we have licensed to preach to work in the Cusi. region has been anticipated by our action of last Jan. I then lent my native helper, who has been in this school over a year, to go there until such time as Mr. Olds might be able to go. He has been most abundantly blessed in all his work, and brought an inspiring report to the conference, of the needs of the field.He gives a list of 26 names from one place and of four in another who wish to be received into the church, and this only makes the necessity of an ordained man there the more imperative.

I will enclose a letter just received from the treas. of the New West Ed. Com. for your consideration, and my answer to the same. I make no remark about the subject now, but shall be glad to write you fully in regard to any point which you may desire to know more about.

Very sincerely yours,

A. R. Wright.

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El Paso

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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico May 5, 1892.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Olds has kindly shown me your letter to him of the 27--29 ult. and as the subject is of mutual interest, I will add a little to his reply.

In regard to Mr. Olds' return to his field at the close of this school year, I will say that the plan all along has been for him to go to spend the three months of school vacation there and then to come back to this place again. This way of living, not having a permanent home, nor knowing definitely where they will be in a few months, or just what to do with their goods is very trying for them, of course, and in view of this and of the need in that field I should advise the move that you suggest of their going with a view of staying, at the close of this year of the school (May 31st.).

Still I must say that your inference that there is a general sentiment on the part of the mission that it is best for Mr. Olds to thus go is a new one to me. It was not suggested, in personal conversation at the conference, nor included in any action taken that I am aware of. Indeed, I had the impression that it was decidedly not the general sentiment of the mission. In the discussion in regard to the advisability of Mr. Houlding's

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making application for appointment to this mission at present this was discussed, but the result in my own mind as to the general opinion is as just expressed. What was done with Mr. Houlding's case was from entirely distinct reasons not in any way affecting the opinion as to the need at this place.

It might possibly be inferred from the action in regard to the paper, keeping it at Guadalajara, that there would not be so great a need here, but when we remember that if the new man needed should be on the ground now it would be two years at least before he could begin to be of help in that department, and that the present work fully occupies the time and strength of both Mr. Olds and myself, the fallacy of that inference is seen. The action in regard to the paper was taken solely on the belief apparently well founded that the transfer of the paper to the border, and even across the line into the U.S. would be prejudicial in the extreme to its influence in Mexico.

While I will favor the going of Mr. Olds now, I would like to express to you just what it means to us at this station. My present work consists of school work from half past eight in the morning till five in the afternoon, with practically no relief. Outside of this I have the entire care of the boys, arrangement for the boarding department, purchase of supplies, clothing to some extent, oversight of the work in the industrial department, reading of proof from our press

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which is now helping us in the various departments of our work at the rate of from 8000 to 10,000 pages a week, the book-keeping for the two societies with a correspondence which last month amounted to 90 letters, the translation of text-books for daily use in the school, and then the delivery of frequent sermons in one or another of our evangelistic enterprises. Now when Mr. Olds leaves I shall have, in addition to this, to divide the two hours of school work that he does with Miss Stahl, who is now overtaxed with work, 3 hours of pastoral work which is of great importance, and the direction of 11 regular services a week (with such help as the boys can give) and the preparation of sermons regularly. With next year this will be made doubly difficult by our transfer to the other side with the school. The plan all along has been for one family to remain on this side for residence giving especial attention to the church work here. None of this work can be done by others at our disposal. The only alternative will be to carry on school work without church work, and this would be a very great mistake indeed, both for the good of the community and for that of the students, who need the practise in actual work, and the stimulus of a working church.

Your suggestion that those who have had no advantages at all and hardly know how to read, be rejected, is good. It has already been put in practise in the case of one young man sent from Chihuahua, who

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4. has could not enter any of the regular classes. He is not now in the school and no more of that class will be admitted. Also your idea of employing the more advanced scholars in teaching the elemantary branches has been in practise since the very opening of the school as far as our material would permit. You must remember that we are but just beginning and have no advanced pupils yet.

The plain deduction from this seems to me to be that a man should be appointed immediately for this place. Personally I will say that I believe that Miss Stahl and I can manage fairly well the school work after getting into the new buildings, (which we hope to do for the opening of the next school year), but that after a week's work of that kind I need a Sunday's rest, and to have to prepare and deliver from two to five sermons a week in addition to the other work tells on my physical and nervous force. I do not suppose that I shall be able to keep up under it for a long time. This is not because I do not enjoy preaching, for I do, and it cost a struggle to give up that work to enter this. I believe that there is not a similar school in Mexico with less than double our teaching force, and with no pastoral work left dependent upon them. Still I shall cheerfully do what I can in the various lines of work, earnestly hoping for the good of the work, that help may be granted speedily.

With this I send our first catalog, the work of our press. Besides the circular in English will you kindly note page 6 to see what we do?

Cordially yours, A. C. Wright.

P.S. I would be glad if Dr. Mott could think it wise to give you his opinion of the need.

G. C. Mc Ilvaine
Mary 6, 1887
Mexico
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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico May 19th-1892.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 12th is at hand, and I thank you for the privilege of reading the letter from the Cuban brother. I enclose a translation, which while not so literal as to lose in force, is intended to give an idea of the Spanish expressions as well as of the idea expressed.. Last March when in Albuquerque at the installation of Mr. Cristy, Mr. Scofield spoke to me of a man in Habana who had written to him and of whom he wished to know more, and suggested that if the man proved to be reliable and the work as represented, I should accompany him on a trip to Habana to investigate the matter. This proves to be the same man. His writing and expressions prove him to be a man of fair education, better than the average at least. I shall be glad to know the outcome of the matter. I send the original to Mr. Howland, requesting him to return to you soon. I also take the liberty of sending a copy of the translation to Mr. Scofield, thinking that thus possibly some time may be saved and a more general understanding.

I note what you say in regard to the appointment of a man, and hop that the one you speak of may prove to be just the man we need. Shall be glad to hear further. Today I have seen the bids opened for th construction of the school building, to be done by Sept 1st, and hope

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to have authority for awarding the contract within a few days. I have awarded the contract of the dwelling today, to have work begun immediat ely.

Last year Mrs. Wright and I were deprived of the contemplated trip north during the vacation of the school by the urgent call for me to take a trip over our old field in company with Mr. Olds, but we hope to be able to go this year, starting as soon after the first of June as the building projects will allow. This is made the more necessary by the poor health of Mrs. Wright. She has not been at all well for some months, and is quite weak, and needs the change and rest. This will make six years that we have been on the field. Our headquarte ers will be in Beloit Wis.

Sincerely yours,

G. Juarez, Pray 19, 1892
Read May 25

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Ciudad Juarez, Mex, June 1st-1892

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 23d of May is at hand. In the enclosed report of our recent Conference here you will find reference to the subject of the appropriations very similar to your own proposition. I have been very careful to send copies of all reports of the school and financial statements to each society, and the only thing which the New West has not had is the estimate of expense which we make out for the Am. Board six months before the year begins. In the future I will send them that also, but it should be added that even this was not sent to you but only to the Mission Treas. and the matter arranged in the mission. There is a better understanding now, and I am sure that all will move on more satisfactorily in the future. The chief difficulty has been that they have not made payments in advance and I have no capital with which to cover the running expenses of the school from month to month.

We shall be very glad to hear more about the man whom, you think, may be appointed to this field, and hope that there may be no delay in the matter. At best a new man will need a year before he can use the language enough to be of aid in the work of either church or school.

Yours truly, A. C. Wright.

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Rev. R. A. Wright.

Ciudad, June 1. 1892.

Rec'd June 7.

725 Union St., Beloit, Wis.
June 29th, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

I write to notify you of our address for the summer, which is as above. I am hoping each day to hear from you of the appointment to our station of the one of whom you wrote in a recent letter, or of some one else whom the Lord may have prepared for this work. The need of someone to be getting ready by beginning the language and acquainting himself with the field and the work is very great. If we had our hands full last year with Mr. Aldo's help, how much more so this year!

We are rejoiced to hear most encouraging reports from him at his new work or old work resumed in Cusihuiriachic.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright.

Rev. N. G. Clark.

Prof. H. C. Wright

Beloit, June 29, 1892

Recd July 5

725 Union St, Beloit, Wis.
July 12th, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 6th is before me. I am sure if you will look over your letters from me you will find clearly stated my plans for the summer, and the place to which I expected to go, fully a month before leaving the field. The whole mission was acquainted with this plan. With Mr. Eaton's advice and in view of the fact that the mission had formally endorsed the application for leave of absence during the vacation months for each of the two preceding years, but the condition of the work & needs of the field had not made such a visit seem best to us, and after having written to you explaining these conditions, we left supposing that it was fully understood by all.

I have been in consultation with Dr. Hitchcock during last week, and we hope to have the name of good man for our field to present at an early date.

Our buildings in El Paso are progressing satisfactorily, and the Nat'l West has just voted to appoint another teacher to El Paso & open an elementary school for boys distinct from the Training School, but as a feeder to it. Also they have decided to appoint & support a matron for our Training School, which will be a very great help to us. Mr. Hubbard tells me that there was some understanding between the two societies in regard to rent for the buildings they erect, and as I have heard nothing about that, I am simply obliged to include this item in the estimate for next year. As Mr. Bliss is to be in Boston soon, I hope the fullest conference will be had with him in regard to all these points. I am

much gratified with the interest that society is manifesting in the school, and look for constant growth in this work.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright.

Beloit, July 12, 1892

Recd July 15

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 9th,-1892.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the first is before me. Your reference to "statement as tothe probable expense of training school for the six months from Jan., to Dec. 31st" I suppose is intended for July 1st to Dec. 31st. On June 30th I sent the report to both societies with statement of summary of expenses for the year ending with that date and the request to our society that I be granted for the rest of the payments in American money instead of Mexican, in order to simplify my accounts, and that it be the balance unexpended of $2600.00, which would be $1705. 22, as 1/2 of the expenses for the first six months had been $894.78.

On account of removal to this side and outfit needed with extra expenses on entering the new property this will all be needed. In response to this I received from Mr. Eaton under date of July 21st this: "I am happy to report that authority has been given me from Boston, by the last mail, to disburse, for the benefit of the training school, 'up to the limit of $2600.00 gold, if needed, before Dec. 31st next;' and it can be arranged for you to receive checks in U.S. funds, either through Treas. Ward direct, or by my hands, as you may indicate to me your preference, from this time on."

While this is what I am counting on I will say that the New West

has not, as yet, taken any action toward granting an equal sum for the same purpose and as I had hoped that they would have done ere this. They are remitting on the basis of only $175 a month for the six months which will leave them with payment of $655.22 less than the Am. Board at the end of the year if we need the full amount for expenses, as I doubt not we shall. They granted for last year an extra $700 which was not needed and so not drawn, and I hope that they will for that reason the more readily grant this. I should be glad to have you communicate with them on this point.

As to the estimate for the year 1893, that also was sent on to the mission treasurer on June 30th and has been reported to Boston I understand. Still I will gladly enclose a copy of the same for your use.

Our new buildings will be very satisfactory. We are already in the cottage and the school building should be finished next week. School will open on the 20th. The matron for the school provided by th the New West, is already here, and will be a very great help, especially now that I have so much extra work on my hands awaiting the appointment of the new man for this place and his learning the language. xMay I ask if there is any new developement in this matter? The preaching and pastoral work which I am being called upon to do or superintend could well occupy the whole time of one man.

We had a most pleasant summer, and are glad to be back in the work we so much love.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright
El Paso, Sept. 9, 1892
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El Paso Texas.

Nov. 18th -1892.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I am glad to be able to report the beginning of the work for this year with better prospects than ever before. Our students are doing better work and more of it than during any other year. Our new buildings are very convenient and a great help.

I write especially to call your attention once more to the subject of the salary of Mrs. Stahl, the matron appointed this year by the New West. There was a misunderstanding in regard to it, we supposing that the New West porposed to pay her salary, at least for the first year in addition to its regular portion of one-half the expenses. This, it seems, was not intended. My estimate for the year 1893 which was sent on in June, did not include this item. I have written the New West that I can pay her salary ~~of~~ for the present year to Dec. 31st, but shall have to wait until I hear that the Prudential Com. can make an additional grant of $450 for next year to cover their half of this salary before I can promise to pay her for that time. They have expressed willingness to increase their appropriation accordingly, Mr. Howland,

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the one appointed by our mission as advisory committee on school matters was here last week, delivering a series of lectures to the students, and after full consultation with him we concluded that the only thing possible now, since Mrs. Stahl has now been here nearly three months, is to present the subject to the Prudential Com. and request that this additional grant be made as soon as possible. If she is not to be engaged for the next year it would be unjust to her not to notify her of the fact immediately, but I hope that it will be possible to make the additional grant. I hope that this matter may receive as early attention as practicable.

I enclose a blue-print of our new school building. It attracts very general attention in this place.

We had a most enjoyable time at the dedication of the church in Chihuahua last week.

May I ask for information in regard to the state of the question in regard to the appointment of a new man to help in this station? I have written on the subject but get no reply. I feel that it is a question which should not be left in suspense much longer for the good of the work here. Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Nov. 18, 1892

Recd Nov. 25

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 10th, 1892.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose a letter from Mr. Hubbard, Treas. of the New West, in regard to the rent paid for this building and the salary of the Matron sent by them this year. I think that it will be well to have a little clearer understanding between the two societies on these points and in order that you may fully understand the condition ~~and~~ in case the matter should be referred to you, I send this and also copy a part of a letter which I have just written to Sec'y Bliss. The matter of the rent I suppose you have arranged with Treas. Hubbard, as he was awaiting a reply from you when I saw him in Chicago last August, still the opinion of some of us here you will find in the following extract from the letter just referred to.

To Mr. Bliss:- " In regard to the payment of Mrs. Stahl (the matron) ~~that~~ it was the distinct understanding of those who are here ~~that~~ at the spring conference, when the matter was proposed, ~~that~~ that the New West would supply the matron, but would pay her salary for the first year at least. This may be understood from the fact that we then knew that the instructions from the American Board were to present estimates of the expense needed for the year 1893 within the amount granted for the current year, and that we should not be able to do this with anything added tothe expense. The estimates, a copy of which you have, show

how much will be needed without the matron's salary. The saving in rent, of which you speak, is not for the American Board, for it is not reduced but increased by entering the new buildings. Mr. Hubbard is charging us at the rate of $750.00 U.S.Cy. a year, while we were paying only $828.00 of Mex. money, equal to $521.64 U.S.Cy. at the present rates of exchange. It is true that we have better accommodations, but it is true also that it was generally thought by our friends that this money donated to provide us with suitable buildings was to relieve us from paying out rent and to relieve the American Board as well as the New West. It was for the benefit of the school. Now the American Board has to pay more than it did before. So you see that instead of relieving us and having more to apply to the salary of the matron, we have less. I shall not object at all to this being put upon the general fund of the school if that can be increased enough to allow it, but there is not enough on the general fund to include this new item. The estimate for next year is already sent on to Boston, and I simply ask you to correspond with them in regard to an increase sufficient to include the salary of the matron. In the mean time I hope that she may not be left without funds, and I think that your society ought to see that she is not so left."

I wrote also to Mr. Hubbard a little in the same line. Mr. Eaton shares in my surprise that rent has been charged for the use of the buildings. We are very glad to be in such convenient quarters, however, and are sure that it will prove to be a great help to all our work.

Most sincerely yours, A. L. Wright.

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El Paso –
Oct. 10. 1892

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St Case Texas. Nov. 19th-1892

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston , Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I have just posted a letter to you this morning, and this afternoon receive your favor of the 14th inst. You acknowledge receipt of mine of Sept. 9th. May I ask if a letter dated Oct. 10th has been received?

I will gladly explain as well as I may, the points you mention. You are surprised that the school should need the balance unexpended of $2600. gold for this year. I can hardly see why. The appropriation granted was $3250. Mexican silver, which was, at the time, the equivalent of $2600 gold. More than one-half of the expense, even when on the other side of the river, ~~were~~ was in American money, and since June first they have all been in that currency. Why should the school not have the amount appropriated to it? I asked that with the transferral to this side of the river the amounts be granted me in American money, as all my accounts are in that currency, and the request was granted, as I was informed by Mr. Eaton, whose letter I quote in the letter which you reply to. I will write to Mr. Eaton that you fail to find record of such action, and ask him to report to you the authorization which he quoted to me.

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El Paso Texas.

This will partly explain your question in regard to different items in the estimate for 1893, and if you will look at the paper again you will see that it is stated that those sums are in "American gold", not in "Mexican dollars", as you suppose. These estimates are for the total expense of the school, and each society is expected to furnish one-half, as explained in the note at the bottom. The $1800 Salaries is distributed, $1200 for me and $600 for Miss Stahl. The $750 Rent is the amount asked by the New West in accordance with Mr. Hubbard's letter to you dated June 22d. You will see that as I put it in the estimate the New West carries one-half, but Mr. Hubbard is evidently of the opinion that the Am. Board should carry this all, as he is deducting the whole $750 from their appropriation. I have just written to him on this point trying to make him see that their society should take the half of this, and that my estimate will only allow me to pay that amount for the Am. Board. I hope to receive a satisfactory reply to this soon.

The religious services that I keep up are Sunday-School, preaching once a week, Y.P.S.C.E., Dorcas Society, and Prayermeeting in our church in Ciudad Juarez, and the same in the church on this side of the river. (Ten services a week - I also edit a Sunday School Lesson card, with circulation of 600 copies. This is, of course with the help of the students in the school, and is largely in oversight of their work, altho' there has not passed a

with seven different classes daily.)

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week since the opening of the term that I have not preached at least once. The cares of the school have kept me much closer than ever this year, and I am in the building to see that all is in order and the young men in their places, until ten o'clock every night of the week.

In regard to your suggestion that Mr. Bissell be transferred to this station I have nothing further to say than I said last year in response to your question to the same effect, which was in brief; 1st, that Mr. Bissell would be very unwilling to make such a change now; 2d, that as a mission we cannot, by any means, think of abandoning such a promising work as he has opened up in Sinaloa; and 3d, that the brethren of the mission have not seemed to favor such an arrangement.

I hope that this statement may help to a fuller understanding of the condition of affairs here, and I shall be glad to write on any other points that you may wish to suggest.

With the close of this school year we shall lose Mr. Birlew, who has been with us from the opening of the school ~~as~~ in charge of the industrial department. It will be very hard to fill his place, but I feel that this work must be kept up in some way, as being of the very first importance in the training of the young men. One great fault of Mexican preachers in other denominations is that they feel themselves above work. I hope to be able to train up some who will not have that idea. My work is so constant that I have not had the time to write about it as much as I would be glad to do. Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Mexico
St Louis
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El Paso Texas.
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Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 25 ult. is at hand. I am sorry to say that I was confused in regard to the amount of Mrs. Stahl's salary in my letter to you, thinking of the number of months that she is expected to be here and that the New West pays its teachers by the month, I inadvertently put the sum of $900. In regard to the exact sum needed for the year for her I cannot state quite yet, but hope to recei ve word within a few days, when I will notify you. She was appointed by the New West with a general understanding that she was to receive the same that Miss Stahl does, viz. $600.00 a year, but that has never been formally stated either to her or to me, and I have written to Mr. Bliss for authority in the matter. I suppose tht that will be the amount, or possibly a little less. The amount needed from the American Board would then be the half, or $300.00 in addition to the appropriation asked.

I shall be very sorry if Mr. Boyle's case cannot be reconsidered, as he seems to be so well adapted to the work. This place, of all the fields of the Board being so well situated in regard to his keeping hia family with him and without extra expense. I have written in a former letter in regard to your suggestion of Mr. Bissell.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. E. Morgan
Dated Dec 7 52

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Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of March 21st was received in due season; my delay in replying is not on account of lack of interest, nor from forgetfulness, but simply because of the importance of the subject, and in order to obtain the material necessary for a suitable reply.

Your remark "The question would be solved at once, I think, if it were agreeable to you to exchange places with Mr. Howland" surprised me. After seriously considering the question, I think that I can sincerely say that we are willing, not only to make that change, but any other that the mission, after full investigation and consultation over the matter, may deliberately and clearly determine to be best for the general progress of the work. I am sure that Mr. and Mrs. Howland will say the same.

I say that I was surprised, and it was because such a plan has not yet been suggested, much less proposed, in all the long discussion of the subject that we have had, and in order to know the general sense of the mission, I wrote to four, quoting freely from your

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letter; I did not write to Mr. Crawford nor to Mr. Bissell, because, I suppose, from their remarks in the annual meeting, that they would be inclined to favor such a change, altho' they did not propose it. I have heard nothing from Mr. Howland yet, but will quote from each of the others to whom I wrote, in the hope that it will help to show what the general sense of the mission is not, if it do not show what the united opinion is yet.

Mr. Eaton says:- "We, of the Northern Mission (for the school was established before the uniting of the two missions, A.C.W.) thought that you were the one of us to take it, and we have seen no reason to change our minds. At the present time we hesitate to do anything to disturb Mr. Howland when he has just built a church, not yet paid for."

Mr. Case says:- "My own honest opinion, as expressed at the meeting at Guadalajara, and which I have since held, is that as soon as arrangements can be made for the supply of the Guadalajara field, Mr. Howland be transferred to El Paso to be associated with you in the Training school work. xxxxxxxxxIf, as I have all along supposed, you and Mr. Howland were to work together harmoni usly, my judgement would not be in favor of the change. If I mistake not, you are both inclined by nature and otherwise peculiarly well qualified for such a work as the Training school affords. In respect to the last question, I most

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assuredly think that within three years, and considerably less, an addition to the teaching force would be necessary, and I have not faith to believe that it will be as easy to find the man we should want for the place as it would be to secure a man competent to take up our ordinaryz mission work."

Mr. Olds:- " I do not think that the mission is in favor of you ~~and he~~ changing places with him. I am not, unless, (1) He would willingly undertake to carry both school and paper (which is too much for any man). 2) You could feel contented in the peculiarly trying field of the Roman strong-hold. and (3) No man can be found to come to El Paso. If a man can be sent to help you I see no reason for any change. I am satisfied that you are doing a good work, and doing it well, and at the same time, that it is a work for which you are fitted. On the other hand, if a man cannot be found I cannot see what use it would be to change yo you two men. The Training School would suffer, at least, at first, and if the paper were brought there, as it would have to be, the loss would be permanent. Guadalajara xxxx would lose also. The sense of the mission was not that that you should exchange fields, but that, in the near future you should both be in the school, and some were in favor of your both being in the school, at once, or as soon as practicable. Yes, I think that not only within three years, but at once an addition to the teaching force is needed."

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I hope that these extracts will be of use to you in understanding the condition here. While unable to give the whole letter of each, I have tried to represent the feeling of each on the point you mention. We hope to have more light on the subject soon, as Sec'y Bliss will be here the 27th of this month to meet Messrs. Case and Howland, the com. appointed by the mission to advise in regard to this school. Miss Stahl left the first of the month to go north to speak for the New West in various meetings, and I am carrying on all the instruction at present. Also, Mr. Eaton's enforced absence has left on me the distribution of the funds of the mission for the present.

I am glad to be able to report a much more satisfactory year, and better work in the various classes than either of the preceding.

Mr. Boyle, appointed by the Home Miss'y Soc. is in the most sincere sympathy with us in our work, and is an earnest and consecrated man.

Our hot weather is beginning here, and all begin to feel that it is well that studies do not continue much longer for the present; still, personally, I am very well, in good working condition.

With kindest regards, I remain,

sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Read May 15.

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Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your kind note of the 5th is just at hand. I have written you quite fully only a few days ago, but will gladly add a line in regard, more particularly, to the work in the school this year.

It has been more satisfactory this year, both on account of the steady progress of the students in their classes, and in their general conduct and outside work. When Miss Stahl left, at the close of last month, the examination of her various classes in arithmetic, algebra, English, and geography, averaged higher than ever before.

I have just been making out an outline of the closing days of the term, and it may be of interest to you.

Tues. May 23d... Lectures on Church History, by Mr. Case.
Wed. ,, 24th..... ,, ,, ,, ,, Case & Howland
Thurs. 25th, Examinations; Grammar A, B, & C, classes. Before Com. of
,, P.M. ,, Ev. of Christianity & Theology; Chemistry.
Fri. 26th, ,, Outline Bible Study, classes A & B.
,, P.M. ,, Sermon Plans, classes A. &B.
Sat. 27th, Conference of Com. from mission with Sec'y Bliss.
Mon. 29th ,, ,, , ,, ,, ,, .
,, night:- Closing Exercises, (Public) of School.

I trust that both Mr. Case and Mr. Howland will write you in regard to their impression of the school. There have been 15 in attendance this year, and others would have been admitted but for the advice of our committee, in view of the limited teaching force, to re-

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ceive only such as could enter existing classes. I do not see that it will be possible to do more than that the coming year either, as the best we can hope for, will not give us one who can speak the language, and about two years are needed to prepare for regular school work by a new person. With the leaving of Miss Stahl, that throws all the work on me at first, but I will gladly do it, hoping for such arrangements as will be permanent and prepare for the growth which we ought to have in the future.

Three men leave this year to take charge of churches or mission work. With that reduction of the number others could readily be received if it were not for the increase of classes, and I still hope to be able to arrange in some way so as to receive a few, at least.

In addition to school work all the week, Saturday included, I have preached nearly every Sunday in one place or another, but it has been simply impossible to do any pastoral work, or to see that it is done efficiently, and the result is that while the church on this side the river,(Texas) is flourishing, and crowding it quarters, that on the other side has not grown any~~x~~ nor fulfilled our expectations aroused by the special interest and conversions during the time that Mr. Olds was with us in the work and could attend especially to the evangelistic work in addition to some regular classes each day. I see no way to avoid this until such increase of teaching force is made as will allow

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some one time for just that kind of work, and I consider that it should be a most important part of the education of those who are in the school to go out in that employ under the direction of one of the teachers in the school.

This month, and during Mr. Eaton's absence, I am also attending to the distribution of the funds of the mission, which take some time, as may be inferred from the fact that on one day, in addition to seven hours of recitations, I wrote 23 letters. But I have never been in better condition for work, nor have I ever enjoyed my work better. I would not ask for less to do, but only urge that this school is of such importance, and the need of workers is so great that we ought to so equip the school as to supply that need at the earliest day possible.

One word more. I consider the chief question to be decided at our conference on the 29th is in regard to which society is to be responsible for the appointment of the teacher (man) to take Miss Stahl's place. As we now are, the New West has the appointment of the instructor in the Manual Training Department, and the matron, while I am the only one appointed by the Am. Board. If the appointment of the new man is conceded to them also, it will give them a large influence in the direction of the school, but more important for us, it will probably not allow for that prosecution of the evangelistic work in our field in Mexico of which I have spoken; but if the Am. Board appoint the man

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such provision will naturally follow. I have not presented this subject in this light to any other person yet because it did not seem that the time for it had come, but now it is here. If you have any suggestions on this, or any other subject which ought to be brought up at the conference, I hope that you will write immediately, that it may be here in time, and we shall ceratinly be very glad to have something from you to help us in our consideration of the subject.

Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you.

Cordially yours,

A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Mexico
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El Paso Texas. 5/24 - '93.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I send you today, by mail, a map of the missions of our Board in Mexico, made by Mrs. Olds, at the request of the mission, and, at request of. Dr. Webb, she made a copy for use at the rooms in Boston. As you will readily see, it represents a good deal of work, and is of such a nature that it is very hard to be exact in all points. No good map of the republic exists, and the mountain region, where we are beginning to work, and which we hope to push especially, is quite unknown in its topographical details. Mrs. Olds, all think, has done excellently, and has received the hearty thanks of all the mission; still I am sure no one would welcome correction more than she, and for this reason I venture to suggest to you that if it is thought to copy for printing a map of Mexico, a little more correspondence be had before the map be made.

I have detained this map here since our annual meeting for the purpose of making a copy for the use of the school, but on examination and study we have changed in several points, enlarging the area a little, to get a truer idea of the whole country,and we have marked only the points occupied by our mission, as the other confuses a little, and at best is quite incomplete. Still we are far from having a perfect map yet.

With sincere regards, yours truly,

A.C. Wright.

El Paso, Tex. May 11, '93

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El Paso Texas. 7/3 -93.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 24th is at hand. I am sorry that any action has been taken by the Prud. Com. before they have heard from the mission itself, which has just finished voting on the matter, for I fear that it will complicate matters.

As indicated in my letter of last week, we have but little hope from the New West, for the man whom we wish to see put here. It was the very strong opinion of the advisory com. that we should have an ordained man in this place, which is not the case with most of the men employed by that society. But of even more imperative necessity perhaps is that of bringing a man here who can begin work at once, and in order to do so he must know the language. For any other person two years would be spent before he would be able to help much.

I am quite surprised at you thought that most of our students are to come from the American side of the river. If the school were to prepare for secular pursuits this might become to be the case, but not as it is, for the simple fact that we have no churches among the Mexicans in the U.S. Of all those received into the school so far, only two, and those of the most elementary ones, and one of them was dismissed for stealing, have come to us of those who did not owe their desire to preach the gospel to the work of the missionaries of the Am. Board. Wishing for you the highest wisdom in your many hard questions to decide,

Sincerely Yours. A. C. Wright.

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Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mas .,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose a summary of the expense of the school for the year just closing, this being the time when the New West makes out its statement of accounts. I am very glad to be able to report at this time, when the Board is so hard pressed for funds, that in the school we have gotten along at less expense than was supposed possible, and that almost nothing of the Contingent list asked for and granted, will be needed, the total expense being only $11.75 over the $2600 grant.

The year h as been a most satisfactory one in the class work. The 15 students have shown at the annual examination, a good knowledge of the studies pursued, and the average scholarship is higher than for any other year of the school. The Carpenter shop has given exercise and has yielded gain in saving expense of not less than $350, the boys having made partitions between rooms, painted the roofs, enclosed the yards by a neat fence, built a stable, made themselves Indian clubs, provided all the rooms with tables, benches book-cases &c. and doing many little things which cannot be enumerated but which are very necessary and would cost much money if done by outsiders.

The printing press has been most useful, with its weekly issue,

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sometimes even daily, of S.S. lesson helps, Bible Study aids, tracts, Y.P.S.C.E. literature and topic cards, programs and announcements of the various services held &c. I calculate that not less than 100,000 impressions have been taken on it during the year.

The students have been faithful in christian work also, by distribution of tracts, conducting many services, and personal work among the Mexican population on both sides of the river. Two of the students have had regular charge of the two churches here, one on each side, during the entire year; six of the boys distributed over 50,000 pages of tracts in Ciudad Juárez in one day last month, giving only to those who seemed to take an interest in reading them.

During the vacation they are putting in practise what they have been learning in a practical way, nine of them being engaged in gospel work and preaching regularly to congregations of from 20 to 50 persons, five of these being ~~engaged~~ employed by our mission in old Mexico, and one other ~~is engaged~~ in Bible distribution under the Am. Bible Soc. in Mr. Case's field. I have good reports from almost all already, and believe that ~~all~~ will prove themselves worthy workmen.

What the future has in store for us we do not know, but sincerely hope to be able to receive some of the many who wish to enter the school, and not limit ourselves, as during the last year, to those who can enter classes already formed. With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

A. C. Wright

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P.S. In regard to the work of the mission in Ciudad Juárez, that church, under the direction of one of the students of the school, has had made the largest number of accessions in proportion to its numbers, of any church in the mission, and actually received the largest number of members of any congregation which counts only the local congregation, that is, does not include branch organizations. It is only fair to say, however, that this is due chiefly to the extra meetings held here by Mr. Olds during the short time that he was with us before going to Cusihuiriachic.

We are holding special union services now for the Mexicans on this side of the river, and the Lord has blessed us with some 40 conversions.

The doctor has ordered us away from this intense heat on account of Mrs. Wright's health, and we start, next week, on a camping tour to the Organ mountains, some 50 miles distant, to be gone a couple of weeks or so.

Yours, A.C.W.

El Paso, June 30. 93

Recd July 5.

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Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favors of the 5th & 10th are at hand, found on my return from the trip to the mountains of 12 days. We were all much refreshed and strenghtened by this breathing spell. I hope to hear that you, also, have been benefitted by your stay at Clifton Springs.

I am, as you suggest, anxious to make arrangements for the coming year, and indeed years, of the school, but feel that my hands are tied as yet, for I do not see that I have any definite report of action by the Board in regard to the request of the mission in regard to Mr. Howlands transfer. You say that the Committee hesitates, and hopes to make other arrangements, but so long as no action is taken in the matter I do not feel that I am authorized in corresponding or trying to arrange in any other way. Let me say by way of explanation of the vote of the mission, that there has been present the thought in the minds of several of the mission, an idea suggested, I am told, by the Eatons themselves, of the transferral of that family to Guadalajara in case the Howlands should come here. They, with the long experience in successful missionary labor, would be well prepared to meet the especial difficulties of that field, and the work so well established

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in Chihuahua, could be carried on by the Olds with little difficulty, and he would be able, also, to oversee and, with the aid of native helpers whom we are beginning to supply from this school, carry on and extend the work in his own particular field of the present, the sierra region.

Another subject which is awaiting a decision at the hands of the Committee is that of the estimates for the coming year. Mr. Eaton Mr. Case and myself were appointed committe to prepare and report to the mission on this subject, but on account of the absence of Mr. Eaton, we pressed Mr. Howland into service, and at the time of the conference over school matters, together we made out the estimates, cutting down in every way possible, according to instructions, and were able to send around to the various stations an estimate, which, if the recommendation of the Com. were adopted, and the transfer of Mr. Howland to this place secured, would keep us within the limit made by the Board. If, however, our recommendation is not adopted, if the New West or we secure a new man for this place, our work will all be in vain, we shall have to arrange for a new meeting for estimates, and cut out nearly $2000 Mex. from our estimates. The opinion was expressed at our meeting that the only possible way to do this would be by the withdrawal of some missionary family from the field, for the reason that so very little is now done by native workers, the mission having but just entered into that stage of growth. Hoping to hear from you soon on these questions, Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

Ck Rec. July 17. '93
Recd July 24.

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El Paso Texas. 8/5 -'93.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your telegram arrived during my absence in Dallas, whaere I had gone to consult with two families, hoping to secure one or the other for the two positions (man & wife) of instructor in the Manual Training Dept. of the school, and matron. I probably should have made arrangements, as far as I could without direct authorization of th the societies, but for the arrival of the telegram.

The despatch says that the Committee favors our changing places with the Howlands. To me the wording is a little ambiguous, but until receiving further information, I take it for granted that the exchange of fields is not definitely decided upon as yet, but only suggested for consideration and expression of opinion on the part of the mission. With that understanding, I will write you frankly my own ideas in the matter.

When you presented this plan in a letter some time ago, I replied, giving the opinion of a majority of the mission (ordained missionaries) as pposed to such a plan, and have since learned that their opposition to the exchange was even deeper than their letters expressed. Mr. Howland's letter on the subject, which was lost in the mail, but a copy of which he sent me, shows that he is very strongly opposed to it. Since that

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Since that time I think that all the tendencies have been to make such a change not only undesirable, but very difficult.

My own opposition to the change is based upon the following reasons:—

1st. While recognizing fully Mr. Howland's strong points and varied capabilities, I cannot see any advantages to be gained for the entire work of the mission by such change. That Mr. Howland cannot take the Manual Training work with the main part or all of the teaching, is evident, as there are not hours enough in the day; while I feel that it would be extremely hard for me to fill the place that he now occupies, especially as regards the paper. I have not the necessary knowledge of that kind of work. It would be exceedingly difficult for Mr. Howland to take charge of the paper here until such time as an assistant were supplied who could take a part of the Spanish classes.

2d. It will incur heavy expenses on the mission just at the time when funds are especially low. Not only the moving of goods, but as we are now in the U.S., full duties will have to be paid on all our goods, just as on entering the field, and these often amount to nearly the first cost of the goods.

3d. Mr. Case has notified us of his withdrawal idefinitely from the field, and this may make new readjustments necessary. Would not the occupancy of that field influence the decision on this question?

4th. I cannot feel that this is a permanent arrangement. As your letter

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of the 26th suggests, the time will probably soon come when both of us will imperatively be needed here. My own inclination and training have been in just this line of educational work, and I do not feel that I am adapted to overcome the peculiar difficulties of the Jalisco field. The school will expand the moment we increase the teaching force to allow of it.

5th. There are especial difficulties in making the change immediately. It will be extrememly hard for Mr. Howland to settle up his business matters, and impossible to plan for the school before Sept. 1st, and I have already notified the students that school will open Sept. 5th. It would not be possible for us to leave here for some time. Mrs. Wright will be confined within a few days, and as after each previous confinement she has been very slow in regaining her strength, we cannot make any plans for immediate removal.

In view of all this I await further instructions, which I suggest be by telegraph, if definite, as I need to know how to plan in regard t to the opening of the school.

If the New West secure us a good man, well; if not, I can carry on most of the work we now have on hand, but cannot extend it nor increase classes. I have a native brother, a graduate of this year, who can help in the elementary work, and the Lord will give strength for each day as it comes. Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:- Your favor of the 15th is at hand. I am much gratified with the opin on you express, and hope that it may be carried out. Certainly no change should be made until full preparation for it can be secured, and the Guadalajara field is so important that I should suppose that it would be necessary for the one who is to occupy it to arrive on the ground before the Howlands should leave. I shall be able to carry on the school work, in the mean time, by not receiving new students who require addition to number of classes. I am expecting three new ones next month, which will just keep the number of last year for the whole school.

From your letter I infer that it is not expected that Prof. Leadingham will be appointed by the New West to this palce. Mr. Bliss wrote me that they were awaiting reply from you before deciding that question.

While the Parral and Cusi fields are both important ones and could well occupy the whole time of the best of us, I am inclined to think that we now have native workers to place in them, who, under the guidance of the missionaries at Chihuahua and here, could carry on and advance the work. With Mr. Howland here it would be very possible for one or ~~both~~ the other of us to get away occasionally for missionary tours to th

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these fields. I have always cherished the hope of visiting with some frequency my old field, and I recieve continual reminders from the brethren there whom the Lord gave to us in His Name, that they are longing to see us again, and I know that Mr. Howland also will gladly do all that is possible in the same line.

We were glad to welcome the Eatons back to their adopted home last week, and hear them begin anew to converse in our beautiful Spanish tongue.

We are all anxious to hear from Mr. Case, and to know the result of the operation. We cannot give up the thought that he will return to us before a very long time, and we wish to leave the latch-string out a long way for him.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 30th of Aug. & the 6th of Sept., were duly received. Our school opened promptly on the 5th of this month, and most of the students are at work in good spirit. One, a bright man, fell just at the close of vacation, into his old sin of drunkenness, and in spite of his entreaties and promises, and of my own sympathy with him I have been obliged to suspend him indefinitely. One other is sick with a fever in his field of summer's work, and has not been able to return yet. Only one new one has been admitted yet, and with the help of the Mexican, as explained in my last, I am able to carry on the present classes. For this year I have dropped the work in the carpenter shop, and have secured a matron here who will do very well, we think. At present I am conducting services on five nights of the week beside the class work in the day-time, and have committees of the boys to go, one to the jail each Sunday and another band to the Smelter, three miles up the river, (with my horse) to conduct services among the 1200 Mexican workmen there.

Mr. Eaton has suggested the employment for the present of a young man

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of the Christian denomination who has been hoping to establish himself in school work in Chihuahua, but has not found the support that he expected. He is a graduate of Illinois University, and if he should come would be a great help not only in class work, but by taking charge of the building, seeing to locking it up and to the proper conduct of the students in it. To secure him would cost us but $60 a month for such time as we should keep him, and ~~x xxxxx~~ would easily be included in the appropriation asked, as we then thought of securing a man with family, but we had hoped to save this expense, as we wish to do all in our power, in these hard times, to keep the expenses down. Still it may be the wisest thing to do to employ him, and allow me to do more and better work in other lines, and it is possible that I may not be able to carry on for the whole year what I have begun

I have written fully to Mr. Howland on the subject, and am awaiting his reply.

I do not think that the lady of whom you write is needed here, altho' she must be well prepared for useful work in some field.

I will send you a copy of the estimates so far as they relate to the school. The appropriation of the New West for last year was $2,600, but no action has been taken for the year beginning with July first yet, altho' they fully understand that the expense will be increased by the plans adopted. I shall soon have a statement in regard to the work done by the students during the summer months and will send you a copy of it. Sincerely Yours, A. C. Wright.

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P.S.:-

I see that I have not answered your question in regard to the possible transfer of Mr. Bissell to Parral after that of Mr. Olds to Guadalajara. That plan had not occurred to me and I cannot say how the others of the Mission would regard it. Mr. Bissell is well fitted for that work, certainly, and would undoubtedly be able to develop the field well if transferred there; but to my mind there are many objections. The opening in the Sinaloa district is almost unprecedented in this part of the world, and it would be a great mistake to leave it after having made such a grand start. It is so far from other stations that it is impossible to carry it on from any one of them, and it is so new a work and far from direction that it cannot be entrusted to any native helpers that we have as yet, nor would a new man from the U.S. be able to work there with the advantages that he would have at either of the older stations.

Parral, on the other hand, is comparitively near another station, being reached in 36 hours from Chihuahua, is well fixed in the place now, with a considerable membership and several churches organized, & could be carried on much better either by native helpers temporarily, or be a new man with the aid of native helpers. I fear also, that such a change would not be welcome to the Bissells.

What I say in yesterday's letter about the possibility of not being able to carry on what I have begun does not refer to the school work, but to a much heavier of the church services which can easily be arranged.

Yours truly
A. B. Case

A. E. Wright

El Paso. Sept. 15, '93

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El Paso Texas. 10/30 - '93.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a bill from the Treasurer of the New West Ed. Com., for two month's rent of the buildings, amounting to $135.00; but since I have received nothing whatever from that society toward the expenses since the payment for June, and no notification of the transfer to the other society with obligation from them to pay, I am in doubt as to what to do. Would it not be well for you to correspond with them on the subject? I have simply answered the Treasurer that as soon as matters are definitely arranged in regard to the transfer I will settle with him. It is hardly fair that the Am. Board should be left longer to advance the whole expenses of the school, as I have already suggested to you.

All moves along smoothly in the school. Mr. Hoblit is doing all that we could expect of him, but last week he was taken with severe rheumatic pains in his hip, so that he has been unable to carry on all his classes. We hope that he will be speedily relieved, however.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright
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Rev. N.G.Clark D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 4th is at hand, and I will pay the bill for rent to the New West Ed. Com. as soon as the funds arrive from the new society for this month.

I am glad that you have had a full talk with the representatives of the New West, but do not quite understand why that society, with its intimate connection with the school, should not have intimated something of its thought about the school to me directly. They are just as much responsible as is the Am. Board in the matter. I have long wished that there might be some way in which to have a more direct report from outside parties in regard to the expenses of the school, but no way has been thought feasible yet.

In regard to the figures, let me correct slightly first; the expense for each student for last year was less than ~~$380~~ 375; that for the year preceding less than $315; and that estimated for the present year, if we had the full number would be $314.50. I would be glad to have this compared with the amount expended by the other denominations at work in Mexico in similar schools, altho' all of them are situated in districts where the cost of living for the students is very much less than it is here.

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While this is more than it will be after the school is fully established with complete outfit and larger number of students, I think that other points should be considered also. First, of this amount over $50 for each student was paid to the New West last year for rent of buildings (and the rate is not at all high for the accommodations). Second, that the students are fully grown and need as much as ~~a man~~ men for living expenses. And third, that we are situated in a place where living is very expensive. The pastor of the Pres. church here receives a salary of $2500 and considers it less than $1800 which he had when in the Mississippi valley. I cannot see in what the expenses of a student here would be much less than those of a young man in a college or seminary in the Middle States, and they would find it pretty hard to include the whole of their living expenses together with the salaries of their professors and rent of the school buildings in less than $400 a year. The actual amount expended last year on each student for all his living expenses, not including salaries, rent, outfit for furniture &c. or books, was $89.70. This does not seem to me extravagant, and as you remark, the items which swell the amount so much will gradually decrease proportionally with the growth of the school.

While Mr. Hoblit is not well yet, he is able to hear most of his classes now. I am expecting to receive three new students before a month passes. Mr. Eaton will be here next month to give a course of lectures on theology. With sincerest prayers for the Board in its present changes, faithfully yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. E. Wright 5

El Paso, Nov. 16. '93

Rec'd Nov. 22.

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Boston, Dec. 12, 1893.

Mr. A.C.Wright,
El Paso, Texas,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the sixth inst. reaches me this morning.

In reply I would say that at a meeting of the Finance Committee held last month, the matter of payment to your institution was presented for consideration. It was the opinion of the gentlemen who composed the committee that they would prefer to wait before making any further remittances, until they had some information concerning the relations between this society and the American Board as regards your school. I have accordingly written to Mr. Bliss and await his reply. I may also state that the next meeting will be on Thursday, the fourteenth inst., and I will again bring the matter up. As Treas. I am unable to pay over any money to the various institutions on the Society's list unless authorized to do so by the Committee.

Yours truly,

American Education Society,
Edw. A. Studley
Treasurer.

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Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 23d ult. was duly received. The school has been progressing in a very satisfactory way. Besides the regular class work, I carry on, with the help of the students who do the greater part of the work, nine religious services a week. We have recently had the joy of six new professions of faith in Christ, and there are many signs of a deep movement and a great blessing in store for our churches. While the people are all very poor, they have the spirit of benevolence. On Thanksgiving day the church members brought in such gifts as they could, and the students of the school helped by a week of self-denial, having asked that they be given the same food as usual except that the oat-meal and rice ( regular dishes with them) be set aside for the poor, and in the afternoon a committee distributed the gifts among some 15 very destitute families. This prepared them for a blessed meeting at night, when the Spirit was present in converting power.

The Sunday School lesson cards printed by the boys on our press, with issue of 700 a week, ~~is~~ are very well received by all denominations, and I trust, ~~is~~ are doing good.

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 El Paso Texas.

A word now in regard to the relations with the new Education Society. I had understood, both from Mr. Studley and Mr. Bliss, that the matter was fully arranged, and that I would now receive remittances regularly from that society, but as nothing came and I was obliged to largely overdraw from our society, I wrote to Mr. Studley, stating that I did not understand why the funds did not arrive. They are now behind $882.20, counting this month, as I must have the monthly appropriation in advance in order to meet the running expenses of the school, and I have received only $250 from them since the payment for June. This morning I have received a reply, a copy of which I enclose. Will you not see if there is any way by which you can help to a speedy understanding in this matter, so that I may not be obliged to draw on the American Board for all the expenses of they school any longer than is absolutely necessary? If I had not had word that this matter was already arranged I should have written earlier.

Very Truly Yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright
El Paso. Dec. 18, '93
Recd Dec. 23.

Copy.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 11, 1894.

Dr. N. G. Clark,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your letters of Dec. 30th and Jan. 1st are received, and although Mr. Wright is expected home in a few days, I will write a little, as the duties will be so numerous on his return that he may not be able to reply at once.

We are now in the midst of the Week of Prayer, and the meetings being held are exceedingly profitable, being well conducted and with a good attendance.

It seemed a cause of regret that Mr. Wright made this trip among the churches in the state of Chihuahua, he necessarily would be absent during this week; but now I think that his absence has been productive of good in that it has caused the people to feel their own responsibility more and has incited the boys to put forth greater effort than they might have done otherwise. A different one of the students was appointed to lead each meeting both here and on the other side of the river, and they have done well instudying up the subjects assigned according to the program. I was especially pleased when one of them came and asked to be allowed to look over the back numbers of our missionary magazines, saying that he thought it important that our people should be informed as much as possible of what is being done by our missionary soci-

eties, and that he wished to make the missionary program especially interesting.

The one who led the meeting in which prayer was to be offered for rulers, for the abolition of the slave-trade, anarchy, etc., came, saying that he had read everything he could find in Spanish bearing on the subjects, and asking for more detailed knowledge of the condition of different countries, saying that he thought we should be able to pray understandingly. He presented the subjects that night in a very clear, concise manner. I have been pleased by the ability which the youths have shown to study up a subject without any one to incite them to it, and to lead acceptably.

I regret exceedingly that this institution seems an over expensive one to the new society, and yet I can easily see how it might appear so to those who know but little of the surroundings and conditions of the school. Such a school as this and a similar one among American youths can hardly be compared. In the latter, a young man who chooses, can pay a large part of his expenses by working, while here it would be almost impossible to do so. All of our youths come from families who are unable to help bear their expenses, and to some of the parents, I think to all, the sending of their sons here is at a sacrifice financially, because of what the boys would be earning if they were at home. I think perhaps you knew, at the time, of one boy who was anxious to come to the school that he might prepare himself to preach the gospel, but the way for it did not open, as it possitively seemed necessary that he should remain at home, the family being so poor that they needed

his wages to enable them to live. Finally, different ones of the church at Las Cenevas, of which he was a member, offered to help his mother, doing as much as his work would be. He was in the school thus one year, and during the vacation following, died. If the boys and their parents do what they can, we can hardly ask them to do more.

In regard to the running expenses of the school, the purchases are as carefully made as in our own house, and strict economy maintained every where. Of course, we feel that money raised as that of the American Board is, must be spent most carefully, and we appreciate more fully its value from having helped to raise it in years gone by.

In my childhood's home, the terms American Board, Home Missionary Society, etc. were as household words, and my father's pledges to those objects were always met. I remember how, as a child, I once expressed the wish to my father, when money was scarce and we children were denied many things, that the contributions to benevolent objects might be made smaller in order that things that seemed to me more necessary might be brought within our reach. His reply was such as to take away from me all thought of his ever doing such a thing, and I am happy to say that with added years I grew to share with my parents the consciousness of the privilege which was ours in adding our little to such worthy objects.

Pray excuse the personality, but I think you will see that we realize the responsibility which is ours, in disbursing the trust

funds that pass through our hands.

Hoping that this opening year may bring you strength for your duties, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Annie O. Wright.

Mrs. Wright
El Rancho Zapan
Jan 11, 1897.

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El Paso Texas 1/24 -'94.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favors to myself, and of the 17th to Mrs. Wright are at hand. I think that Mrs. Wright has replied to the former, and I enclose a report of our trip in form for publication if it is desired.

I am glad to say that the students report Mr. Eaton's lectures as even more interesting and useful to them than those which he delivered last year. He is giving essentially a translation of Weidner's Theology of the New Testament.

I am sorry that the new society does not fully realize the importance and the difficulties to overcome in this work, and only wish that they could send a representative man to see it as it is.

Mr. Hoblit is doing very satisfactory work so far. Our printing press is a 12 x 15 rotary job, the gift of the Y.P.S.C.E. of the 1st Chuch of Washington, D.C. We are printing 700 copies of a S.S. card like enclosed, and many Scripture cards, notices &c., three students working a hour a day in this line. Three others work in the carpenter shop, making book-cases and other necessary articles for the school, while all have daily work in the care of buildings and grounds.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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El Paso Texas 2/21 -'94.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose a clipping from one of our dailies of yesterday whkch will be of interest to you. The project, if carried out, will not affect our work in this institution as I can see; it only takes up a part of the work which we had been hoping to be able to add to this in time, or as soon as we could have the force to do it. It also shows what the brethren of that church think of this place as a center for such work; indeed, influential members of that denomination have said to me that they had made a great mistake in placing their Theological Seminary in the interior instead of coming here before we did. They have a much stronger reason for locating their schools in the interior than we have, on account of the much more extended work there.

So far as I have talked with them, all who are acquainted with the Mexican missionary work have expressed the opinion that we have located in a strategic point for this school.

May I ask you to forward the cutting to Sec'y Bliss after reading?

Very sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. N. C. Wright

El Paso, Feb. 21, 1894

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Rev. C.H.Daniels,D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I learn from Dr. Clark that you are to be with us at our annual meeting in Chihuahua this year, for which cause we are all very glad. I shall plan to have the closing exercises of the school on the evening of the 29th of May (Tuesday), and hope that you will plan t to be with us on that occasion, and go with us to Chihuahua the following night. If you spend Sunday the 27th in Denver, as has been intimated to me, by taking an early train Monday you can arrive here about noon on Tuesday, and have a day to become acquainted with our mission work here on both sides of the river and in the school before going to Chihuahua.

Please let me know if I can give you any information which will assist you in making your plans.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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El Paso Texas 4/6 - '94.

Rev. C.H.Daniels, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 24th ult. is at hand. I shall be most happy to make all necessary arrangements for the trip to Chihuahua, and think there will be no difficulty in securing half-fare permit for the trip. I shall try to secure it in such form that if you should care to go farther into the interior, in order to see more of the field in which we are working, it may be applicable.

I am just starting for Guadalajara, to attend the S.S. Convention of Mexico, the second one that has been held.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

Mr. A. A. Morgan

El Paso, Texas

Rec'd Apr. 11. '94.

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El Paso, Texas, 5/23 -'94.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Our school year is drawing to a close, and I am glad to be able to report a very satisfactory advance in every respect. I have been preparing my report for the Annual Meeting, and perhaps you will have an opportunity to see that later, and note the different items.

Mr. Hoblit has done very well, but we cannot count on him for another year, as he has already made application to the "International Missionary Alliance" for appointment in its work.

I have thought that it would be a great advantage if we could secure some one for matron who understands the language well, and is with us in work among the Mexican people in church and homes. Miss Ames has done well in economizing in the kitchen, but she cannot learn the language, and does not attend the Mexican services, so that I have hoped for a change in this department. Of late we have been thinking of Mrs. Crawford, and hoping that the way might be opened for her to take this place. I can imagine nothing better than this would be. She is such an earnest missionary in spirit, and so perfectly acquainted with Mexican ways and homes that she could fill the place as no one else we know of. I have written her about it.

At our Annual Meeting we will consult fully in regard to the fu-

ture of the school, and if you have any further suggestions than those made in your letters to me during the year, we should be glad to have them to help us in our consultation. Anything on this subject had best be directed to me at Chihuahua, in care of Mr. Eaton, as we leave here the 30th.

Sec'y Bliss was here on the 7th and 8th, and we enjoyed his visit very much. I am very sorry that he was not able to come at such a time that Mr. Howland, of the Advisory Com. appointed by the Mission, could confer with him. He went down to Chihuahua, however, and talked over the subjects connected with the school quite fully with Mr. Eaton.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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El Paso, May 23, 1894

Filed May 28

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El Paso, Texas, June 19th -'94.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Having been chosen Cor. Sec'y of the Mission, it becomes my duty to forward to you the minutes (copy) of the last meeting, which I hereby do. As it was agreed at the meeting that all should present the reports of the stations in duplicate to me, this required some extra time, and I have not yet received all. I will forward as soon as received. The Estimates you have received, or will soon, from the Committee, so that I have not copied them into the minutes.

I have underlined some passages of the minutes with red ink, which call for action by the Prud. Com., in order that you may find them more easily.

I was requested by the Mission to correspond with the Prud. Com. on two points which appear in the new Hand-book, but which we find difficulty in complying with.

First, the Hand-book, on page nine, requires rent of house to be included in the salary of the missionary. This is contrary to the usage of this Mission from the first, and we find the following difficulties in applying it:- 1st. Rent varies so exceedingly in different stations that uniformity of salary would be impossible on that basis. In Fuerte a house costs $12 a month, while the same accommodations

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in Guadalajara or Chihuahua would cost from $50 to $60 a month.

2d. This makes the salary of one appear to outsiders higher than that of another, and causes misunderstanding which it will be impossible to fully remove.

3d. This makes the salaries apparently higher all around, and gives rise to unfavorable criticism of the missionaries.

We wish to know whether, in view of the former practise of the Mission, and of these difficulties, we shall be required to include the rent of house for missionary with his salary in the estimates in the future.

The other point is in regard to the representation of women in our meetings. We understand that it was an express object of the new Hand-book to give to women a fuller representation than they had formerly had in some Missions, but with us the effect is decidedly and exactly the contrary. By our former Constitution we had given to all the female members of the Mission present at any meeting, the right to vote. The paragraph in Hand book, is on page 5, "At such meetings every male delegate present, ------ is entitled to vote." This, altho' much against the wish of some of the members of the Mission, has been incorporated into our new Constitution, but now we ask to extend this a little, by giving a vote to a female delegate duly elected to represent any station. As our Mission is small, it may easily happen that the one male member of some station, may be unable to attend some Annual Meeting, but that

a woman may be sent to represent that station. We ask that in such a case, the woman so duly elected to represent the station, be allowed to vote with the other delegates present. That there is pretty deep feeling in the Mission on this subject, allow me to illustrate by quoting from a letter recently received from a member. "The more I think of it, the more ridiculous it seems for such a distinction to be made between the sexes, and between the married and single ladies. I think that the very least that ought to be conceded to this Mission,(so scattered, and with only one man to a station,) would be the privilege of electing an additional delegate, with full powers and no distinction as to sex, from each station that has more than three missionaries of all kinds. --- Ladies who have the interests of the work at heart, could not well be present at an Annual Meeting without wishing to express their thought upon important matters before us; but they would feel delicate about expressing an opinion when they had been forbidden tovote. I cannot blame Mrs. ----- for saying that it will be impossible for her to attend the next meeting, under the present law. ---- I am convinced that the new rule of the Board, while best probably for large Missions, occupying comparitively limited territory, will work damage for us."

This is the opinion of the one who feels most strongly, and it is to be noted that the Mission does not ask as much as he, an increase in the representation from the stations, but only that if, in case a woman should for cause be elected delegate from any station, she be allow

allowed to vote.

The presence of Dr. Daniels at our meeting was a great help to us in all of our business, and an inspiration spiritually, which we earnestly wish could be had at each Annual Meeting.

The copy of the new Constitution I will send in a separate envelppe.

I have been busy since the meeting in getting out reports. We now plan to leave by wagon, on a long missionary trip of over 500 miles, through the interior of Chihuahua, about the first of July.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Wright and myself,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright

El Paso, June 19. 94

Recd June 25.

El Paso, Texas, June 29th-1894.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I send you today the annual reports from the various stations of this Mission, together with the Statistical Statement from each, and the Summary of them all, as required by the Hand-book. These are complete with the exception of the written report of the Fuerte station which Mr. Bissell was to send me from Oberlin, but which has not arrived yet, and as I am just starting on a trip to be gone six weeks perhaps, I do not detain the others longer. Please inform me if a report from the whole mission in addition to what I have sent is desired from me when this lacking one shall have been sent in.

Sincerely yours,
A. C. Wright.
Cor. Sec'y of the Mexico Mission.

Rev. A. S. Wright
El Paso. June 29. 94
Rec'd July 13.

La Luz, N. M. July 23, 1881.
(Direct to El Paso, Tex.)

Rev. J. L. Barton,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

Yours favor of the 13th is at hand. I see that the strike must have delayed the arrival of the reports a few days. I have heard nothing from Mr. Bissell yet, but hope that his report will not be delayed much longer.

It has been the custom of the Ser. Sec. of this Mission also to edit the reports and send in a summary, but as I understood the new Hand-book the full reports are definitely ordered sent to the rooms, and I

Rev. J. L. Barton

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was not certain whether a summary was desired in addition to that, or not.

We are all of us much disappointed to learn that Mr. Houlding is not to come to us, and are anxious to know that some one else is in view. There is less and less hope for the return of Mr. Case, and his place ought to be filled immediately.

Can you give me the address of Mr. Wagner, and tell me what his plans now are in regard to the time of coming?

Sincerely Yours
A. M. Wright.

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El Paso, Texas Sept. 3d, 1894.

Rev. J.L.Barton,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear brother:-

I have just receivedword from Mr. Bissell with the report from Fuerte and Hermosillo stations, and saying that he has sent copies of the same to you, so that now the reports from this mission are all in your~~s~~ hands.

About the middle of Aug. I was able to go an a tour to El Valle de San Buenaventura, and was met there by a brother who urged me to go further with him to receive some ~~member~~ persons to membership who have long been desiring to enter the church but have had no opportunity, as no ordained minister has visited that place. I was able to go, and found a very promising opening for work at Cruces, received two persons and would have had several others but for the absence of the head of the family. One man there offers a very good lot for a church building, another the timber for the roof and doors, and together they promise to make the "adobes" and put up the walls, so that we may say that with the baptism of the first two converts there we have the building of a church assured. I was often reminded of my first visit there three years ago, when passing one night in the place while on a journey with a student of this school en route to his field of labor, of how

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we passed much of the night in conversation with an old blind man, and this work now is a direct result of that conversation.

My trip was of 80 miles by stage, 180 on horse-back (three days) and 400 by rail, including a trip to Chihuahua, where I spent a day in conference with Mr. Eaton in regard to the school for this year.

School will open tomorrow, with a larger number of scholars than before, and very good prospects for the year.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

P. S. I should be glad to hear about the probable time of the coming of Mr. Wagner.

Rev. A. C. Wright. S

El Paso, Sept. 3, '94

Filed Sept. 22.

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Ans'd 12-14

Stations.

*Cosihuiriachic.*
*Guadalajara.*
*Hermosillo.*
*Chihuahua.*
*El Fuerte.*
*C. Juárez.*
*Parral.* — Missionary, Alden B. Case.
Outstations: Allende. Las Cuevas. Zaragoza.

MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Parral - Chihuahua Dec. 5th 1894.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Brother:

Once more our Mission circle is broken, and we are sorely afflicted.

Mrs. Helen Bush Olds, wife of Rev. Otis E. Olds, of this station, died of diphtheria, on Sunday, December 2d., leaving a little daughter nine months old.

It was most sudden to all of us, she having been sick but a few days, and even her husband had no thought of danger until the night before her death, but she passed away peacefully and happily trusting all to the Savior, and leaving a very large circle of friends among all classes here who give testimony to her wonderfully attractive and loving christian life in the community.

Mrs. Olds was my niece, and Mr. Olds is my brother-in-law, and on being called by telegraph, I came as fast as possible, arriving the day after the burial, but assisting in the funeral

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Parral - Chihuahua

services which were held after my arrival. Mr. Alds, feels his loss most deeply, but is bravely doing as the loved one would have desired him to do, and in all his plans is remembering the object which brought them both to this work and land.

Mrs. Alds was just twenty-five years old on the day of her death, which was also the birthday of the babe nine months before, and had been on missionary ground three years.

Mr. Alds goes with me tomorrow to take the little one to El Paso, where it can receive better care.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright

Rev. H. C. Wright.

Parral, Dec. 5. 1894.

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 17th, 1894.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec., A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Your kind note of October, together with the circular letter was duly received, and I regret not having been able to reply to it earlier.

I certainly desire to welcome you to the new post of duty, and am glad that we have one among the Secretaries who knows by experience the missionary work and workers, and I am sure that it will be a great advantage to the whole work, at home and abroad.

I thank you for your words of appreciation of the work in which we are engaged here, and know that from your own work in Turkey you will continue to duly appreciate the great importance of this branch of missionary labor, and, I trust, will not underrate the difficulties which we shall encounter. This year all has gone very smoothly, and the prospects are good for the whole year.

Allow me to remind you of two subjects on which I was appointed to correspond with the Prud. Com. ~~about~~ about, and on which I wrote to Dr. Clark in June, receiving word from you that they would be duly considered and reported upon later. The subjects were; the necessity of including rents in the salaries of the missionaries; and the possibility of sending female delegates to represent a station at an annual meeting.

Very Sincerely Yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. G. Wright,

El Paso, Dec. 17. 1894.

J. L. B.
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El Paso, Texas Feb. 13th. 1895.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Our Annual Meeting of the Mexico Mission is to be held at this place toward the end of May. Will it not be possible for you to visit us at that time? The time, I think, is favorable in view of the state conventions, several of which might be visited en route, and I am sure th at you realize the great help that it would be to us to have you here, as well as the stimulus that it would furnish the home work by reason of your reports on returning.

We have already had some such privileges, and they have been of so much value that we earnestly hope that you may come this year; and I may add that it will be especially opportune at this time in view of the changes made necessary in our constitution by the new Hand-book, and the feeling of some of the brethren in the matter.

If it is not at all possible for you to make the trip, can you not sug gest some representative of the Board whom we might be able to secure?

Very sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

Rev. A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Feb. 13, 1895.

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas March 25th, 1895.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Eaton writes me that he has received a letter from the Rev. H.B.Pratt, of the Pres. South church relative to engaging in work in our mission, and that he has written you on the subject. He requests me to write my opinion also.

Certainly all of recognize Mr. Pratt's exceptional qualifications for missionary work, and feel that this is a great opportunity for the mission. I would suggest, however, that in view of the near meeting of the mission, that it would be much better to defer definite action, or appointment until after our consultation on the subject, but that it would be of great advantage that you correspond with him, and ascertain his feeling, and that we be informed before the Annual Meeting as to his readiness to accept, and the possibility of his appointment by the Board. I feel that we should also know definitely his plan in regard to permanence in the work.

My sister, Miss Mary P. Wright, is with us now, expecting to go on the Parral tomorrow. She spoke to our church here last night to the great pleasure of the brethren.

Do you see any hope of our securing some representative of the Board here at our Annual Meeting the last of May?

Sincerely yours A. C. Wright

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas April 12th, 1895.

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Rev. J.L.Barton,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

For some time past I have been suffering with frequent headaches, and my digestion has been considerably deranged. Lately somewhat graver symptoms have appeard, so that I have consulted a physician and am told by him that I must certainly plan for a rest and change as soon as possible, and he advises getting into a lower altitude and moister climate. I have just requested the Mission to endorse an application to the Board for two months, leave of absence from the field, to be extended another month if necessary, to begin immediately after our close of the school and annual meeting, the last of May.

I am thinking of attending the International Missionary Union, at Clifton Springs, and perhaps staying there a short time afterwards, and my sister (Mary P. Wright) tells me that the American Board has a room endowed there. Can you tell me whether the room is occupied , or will be from about the middle of June for a short time?

Have you not been able to find some representative of the Prudential Com. who may be able to attend our Annual Meeting, May 25--30 ?

Our school is having a satisfactory year of work, and we are looking forward to much inspiration from the Annual Meeting at this place.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Morgan

El Paso, April 12, 1895

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El Paso, Texas May 13th, 1895.

Rev. J.L.Barton,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 23d, reporting the "leave of absence" after the approbation of the Mission, is at hand. We are thankful for this, and especially because I was afraid that the time might be short to present the matter to the Board after the foraml action of the Mission had been secured. All, however, have informally expressed their approval of the plan, and action can be taken at the Annual Meeting, if the circular letter does not come around before that time.

The question of securing the services of Rev. H.B.Pratt has been presented to you by Mr. Eaton and others, and I wish, as Corresponding Sec'y of the Mission, to inquire in regard to the probability of the action of the Board, in case the Mission should recommend at our Annual Meeting, his employment. I will present it in two forms.

In case the Mission should recommend the employment of Mr. Pratt to be associated with me in the Training School, and to spend his vacation of three months in evangelistic work in the mission, his salary to be made up by that of Mr. Hoblit, my assistant, who, in all probability will be discontinued in any event, together with about $300 more, could we expect the Board to grant us that amount ($300) in addition to

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present appropriation? (In view of the death of Mrs. Olds, it is quite probable that this amount could be secured without increasing the present appropriation.)

If it should seem preferable to the Mission to place Mr. Pratt in some other field than the School, and transfer the missionary of that field to the school without largely increasing the necessary expense, would the Board probably favor the commissioning of Mr. Pratt?

In the first case I suppose that it is understood that it would not be necessary to commission Mr. Pratt formally, as he could be employed in the school in a similar way to that in which Mr. Hoblit has been.

I would be very glad to have a reply to these question to present to the Mission on the 25th of this month, and if it canot be presented to the ~~Bd~~ Prudential Com. I would be glad of your own opinion as to the probability of action on the matter..

X I would also call your attention to the matter presented to you after our last meeting, asking whether the rule is invariable that the salary of the missionary must include a sufficient amount to cover the house rent, so that this item do not appear in other form in the estimates. So including it, of course, increases the apparent salary, and necessitates explanation in cases where rent is higher than in others.

Sincerely Yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. H. C. Wright.

El Paso, May 13, 1895.

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Cliffton Springs, N. Y.
June 26th - 1895.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Sir:

Doctor Thayer advises me to find some place on the sea-shore to stay until about ready to return to our field, thinking that the salt water will help to restore me, but I am entirely unacquainted in that part of the country. Do you know of any quiet, the more retired the better, on the coast, where I may secure board and room economically for a month or so, or can

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you direct me to any one who would be able to advise in the matter?

Mrs. Wright started today to return to the children in Beloit Wis, and will remain there until I can join her on our way to Mexico.

If I secure a place not to far from Boston I shall hope to visit the rooms before going back.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright.

P.S. Dr. Thayer suggested Marthas Vineyard as a good place, but I have not been able to learn in regard to ~~possible~~ cost there, and fear that it would be expensive

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Rev. A. C. Wright

Clifton Springs, N.Y.
June 29th - 1895

Rev. E. H. Daniels, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your kind note of the 8th is just at hand.

As I am delegate from the United Soc. of C. E., of Mexico to the Convention in Boston, I am now thinking of waiting until July 8th before going to Boston in order to take advantage of the special rates, for I can secure no reduction in this part of the country otherwise.

I shall wish to attend a part of the meetings, but think I would best not attempt much in

that line, and shall be glad to arrange for the "quiet place on the sea-shore" very soon after arriving, indeed. I presume that the city will be so crowded at that time that it may be necessary to go out.

I thank you for your cordial invitation and welcome, and hope that I may see you before your departure for Portland.

Sincerely yours

A. C. Wright

C. H. D.
Rec'd 7-5-95
Ans'd

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Rev. A. C. Wright
Clifton Springs, N. Y.
July 3rd, 1895.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your very kind note of the first is received. I expect to arrive in Boston on Tuesday, the ninth, but have been unable to secure a reliable time table of the Boston & Albany road yet, and so do not know the hour. However, I will go directly to the rooms in the Congregational House. I hope that I shall not put you to any inconvenience, and presume that it will not be necessary for you to inquire further in regard to a place for me on the coast. I think that I may go direct to Provincetown

perhaps on Saturday the 13th, f
I plan not to attend all the
meetings of the Convention, an
I am sure that from that pl
I can soon make my way
out into the country and
find a satisfactory boarding pl

Thanking you for your kind
and interest in my plans, I am

Sincerely yours.

A. E. Wright.

A. C. Wright. 223

Southport, Me.

July 27th 1895.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.;

Dear Mr. Daniels:

I learn from Mr. Houlding that he has written again to Sec. Smith on the subject of his appointment, he being so fully persuaded that the Lord is calling him to the foreign field that if the Am. Board do not send him, he thinks of turning to another. As I have told you when in Boston, my own opinion of him is that he has rare qualifications for evangelistic work in the foreign field, and that his wife would be a true help meet for him in such labor, nor do I

think that her health is such as to forbid it, but I did not begin this for the sake of giving my opinion on the case, but only to recall to your minds the very hearty request of our Mission made a year ago, that he be added to our force.

In view of the question in regard to the permanence of Mr. base in the work, I simply make this suggestion, that it may be before you in considering the case.

I am having a very good time here, and am sure that I have found just the place. I am learning to swim in salt water to dive from the boat, to recognize kelp & jelly-fish by sight rather than by book descriptions, & many other valuable points. Now that Dr. Barton informs me that the fishers has been identified. I breathe easier.

Cordially, yours. A. C. Wright

Rev. A. C. Wright

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-31
Ans'd 8-3

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Southport, Me.
July 27, 1895.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of the 24th is just at hand. I thought that I had told you that I would send my address to Mr. Wiggin, who would forward my mail to me.

I am thankful to the Prudential Com. for their consideration, and while I am pretty well, I feel more confirmed in the opinion that it will be much better to defer the opening of the school until October first. That the matter may not be misunderstood, may I ask

you to send notes to Mr. Eaton & Mr. Howland, members with me on the Advising Com. of the school, advising them of this action taken after conference with Dr. Hamilton?

Can you give me the initials & P. O. address of Miss Barbour (Spain.)?

I should be glad to know what action, if any, was taken by the Com. in regard to the application of Miss McCord — Mrs. Wagner that to be. It was the plan that her go as far as El Paso in our company, & meet Mr. Wagner there.

I thank you sincerely for the invitation to your home, & shall be glad to accept if I return that way before your going.

Sincerely Yours,

A. C. Wright.

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8-8-95

Southport, Me.,
Aug. 28. 1895.

Rev. E. H. Daniels, D.D.,
Boston.

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Yes, I think that Mr. Houlding would be glad to be designated to Hermosillo. I have nothing definite from him, of course, but would like to tell you of a coincidence which he related to me only a few months ago.

Last year, before any correspondence had been begun on the subject, both he & his wife, on hearing of the death of Mr. Cravawford, had been drawn strongly toward that field, and ~~finally~~ often mentioned that

place in their prayers, ask
for guidance in the matter.
He was in correspondence wi
Dr. Smith at the time and Mr
Goulding's application had just
been sent in with Chihuahua es
pecially in view, but saying
that they were willing to go to
any other place if it should be
thought best. But the thoug
of the great need at Hermosill
was so constant that at last
he telegraphed to Dr. Smith
suggesting that they be sent t
that place. It afterward wa
discovered that it was on that
same day, about the same
hour that the Mission at it
meeting in Chihuahua wa
passing its motion requesti
the appointment of Mr. & Mrs
Goulding to our field, wi
the thought of his being

stationed at Hermosillo.
The Lord has delayed the
answer to our prayers,
and possibly may show
us a better way, but some
of us would count it as
another of the many proofs
of His love, and a very direct
answer to our prayers, were
the Headings to go to Hermosillo.

Sincerely yours
A. C. Wright.

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A. C. Wright

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Southport, Me.
Aug. 12, 1895.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 8th is at hand. I have heard from Mr. Hawkins who is at Old Orchard and hope to see him, but may not be able to do so. I have known of his sympathy for the Christian Alliance work, and his premillenarian views, but have not thought that he was one who would go to the objectionable extremes to which some do. His preaching in El Paso has by no means been one-sided or entirely on those peculiar subjects. I presume that your surmise in regard to his inclination

in case our Board should decide not to send him, is correct, as he has felt called for so long a time to this work.

I am planning to start back to Wisconsin next week, reaching Boston tuesday morning the 20th, and shall have to spend a day there ~~in~~ before going on.

I hope that you have been able to get some rest this summer, and that you may be strengthened for your work.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright

J. L. B.
Rec'd 4-15-96
Ans'd 6-10

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501 N. Santa Fe St,
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. April 13, 1896.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 8th is just at hand. It is not entirely unexpected to me that the Education Society should make this proposal, as it has been indicated several times, that they might do so as soon as the property should be turned over to them definitely by the New West Commission. On the otherhand I shall have to admit that there has been, for some time, a feeling that it would be relief to be free from the complications which arise from the joint support of the institution, but there are grave difficulties.

The property in question consists of the school building and the dwelling-house together with the lots (six I believe) on which they are located.

I hesitate to give my own opinion in the matter, especially as our Annual Meeting comes so soon, when we will carefully consider it, and report accordingly, but as you request it, I will speak frankly.

I do not think that it would be wise to accept the condition attached, unless they would be willing to have the property disposed of, the entire amount secured thereby to be invested in a plant for a similar institution, or the same one transferred to some point in old

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Mexico, if at any time it should seem advisable to the Board to do so. I am sure that there exists in the Mission a feeling that it would be much better and more economical also, to transfer the school to some place in the interior. I am not convinced of this myself, and am of the opinion that I have held from the first, that this is the place for the school, although I admit that the principal argument is taken away when the Educational Society withdraws.

As to the possibility of carrying on the school without an increase of appropriation, I do not see how it would be possible, but I do not wish to speak for the Mission. I do not know but that some would say that it might be done by transferring it to another place; but personally, I should feel great hesitancy in undertaking it under such circumstances. The suggestion would come up that the property here be rented and the proceeds applied to rent of a property for the same object in another city, but I understand that this would be prohibited by the terms of the transfer.

We have had a very satisfactory year so far, and we have a very good class of men studying. There are 19 boarders, of whom 18 may fairly be counted as candidates for the ministry. My own health has been good; I was greatly benefitted by my rest of last year.

Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you. A. C. Wright.

Ex. 6. Wright
El Paso, Apr. 13, 96

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-12-96
Ans'd 6-17-

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas May 7, 1896.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Daar Dr. Barton:-

In regard to the call from Batopilas, concerning which you wrote to Mr. Eaton on the 15th of April,- a telegraphic response was sent to Boston a week ago, indicating our hope, as a mission, of being able to secure the needed clergyman and teachers, without calling upon the Board to give its formal commission to any one for that purpose.

We were made very glad and grateful by the news that a friend had been found willing to contribute the sum of $550 the coming year toward the support of a missionary in the new place. But we were desirous of putting the work there upon a basis of sef-support, if possible, from the very beginning. It looked as if a single man might be sustained by the amount pledged upon the ground; while, if a married couple should go there, we hoped that the unnamed friend might still feel disposed to contribute the $550 to meet the extra expense. It was therefore voted "that the chairman and treasurer,- Messrs Wright and Eaton,- in consultation with Mr. Case, and others who are well informed as to the details of the situation, endeavor to supply the call from Batopilas for preachers and teachers on the basis of self-support

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without calling upon the mission for workers, or funds for salaries."

It was also decided to send there, as native teacher and preacher Señor José Ibañez, now located in Ciudad Juárez, and for some time past assisting in the work of the Training School; and the committee was expected to open correspondence at once with suggested candidates for the position of chief responsibility.

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In view of this opinion of the principal supporters of the plan in Batopilas, we feel that the work commended to us by the mission is ended, and that all that we can do is to report the matter back to the mission again, to see whether it is thought that any arrangement can be madeby which it may be possible to send one of those already in the mission. Trusting that the Lord will guide us in this matter,

Respectfully Yours - For the Committee - A. C. Wright.

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C. Wright
Chas. Wright, Sec.

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A. C. WRIGHT---DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas May 7, 1896.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-12-96
Ans'd 6-10

Dear Dr. Barton:-

The enclosed report of the Committee on Batopilas has been agreed to fully by Mr. Eaton also, and, in fact, is almost entirely in his own words, but I send it on to you without his signature in order to save about three days time by not sending back to Chihuahua again. Mr. Eaton is in favor of transferring Mr. Bissell to that place but I doubt whether the Mission would approve of the step, and, at any rate, it should not be done until the Mission does take action in the matter.

When you receive the account of our Annual Meeting you will see that we have been requested to continue the school on the simple appropriation of the Am. Board, making such reduction in students, teaching force and other things as we are obliged to, in order to get through.

Although it will be hard to do this, in view of the strong desire in the Mission to continue the school here, I agreed to undertake it. This is with the understanding that the Ed. Soc. will grant us the property. I hope to hear soon from you as to their proposition, and what conditions will be placed upon the Board in accepting the property.

There is a great deal of sickness here now, and our family has

not escaped. The youngest child has had a hard siege of congested lungs, Mrs. Wright and I have been sick with the Grip, and our little girl is getting over the Chicken-pox, but all are now recovering.

I am planning to take the family out to Guerrero, where the Wagners are, at the close of school, June first, and from there I will go with one or two of the students, and a Bible colporteur on an evangelistic trip through the Sierra region, of about two months. It will be chiefly in Mr. Olds'field, as he will be obliged to stay in Parral closely during the building of the church there.

I hope that your health is good, and that there may be some hope soon of better times for our sorely-afflicted missions through the largely increased gifts of the churches.

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

Rev. Mr. Wright
El Paso, Texas
May 7, 1896.

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd 6-10-96

El Paso, Texas May 20, 1896.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I am reminded that probably the Prudential Com. will desire more explanation than is given in the minutes of our Annual Meeting, in regard to the request of our Mission for a special grant to pay rent for the buildings for the Training School for a part of last year.

Ever since the school entered the property of the New West Ed. Com. we have paid a rental of ~~$350~~ $350 a year to that society, although it has not been without protest. Last summer, while in Boston, I talked the matter over fully with Dr. Hamilton, and he said that no rent should be charged by the Education Society, and that as soon as the property was definitely turned over to them from the New West Com. I need not include this item in the accounts. I understood that this transfer was to be made in the immediate future, before I should return to the field, and accordingly I omitted that from the statement of accounts from the first of July on, sending the statement regularly to the Education Society, as usual. Nothing was said, however, until after I had closed my account with the Mission for the year of 1895, when they called my attention to the omission, and demanded the rent for

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that time, stating that the property has not been transferred to them yet. Under the circumstances, I do not see anything for us to do but to grant their claim, less the amount paid out by us for repairs upon the property in this time, which is what is asked of the Board by this special grant. If I had known it before making out my statement of accounts, this would not have been necessary, for, as you will remember, I was able to return to the Board over $700 of the appropriation for the school for last year.

The Batopilas matter will be a very hard one for the Mission to arrange. There is no station from which we can afford to send a missionary, and unless the Board can find a man already familiar with the Spanish language, and with the proper qualifications for the work, I do not see how it will be possible to do anything more than to send natives there for the present, with occasional visits from a missionary.

Mr. Howland's youngest child is in a very critical condition, and they have almost lost hope of saving her.

I go with my family to El Parral, June first, and leaving them there, go on with two of the students for a missionary tour of about two months through the mountain region.

With kindest regards in which Mrs. Wright joins,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. H. C. Wright,

El Paso, May 20, 1896.

Rec'd May 25.

Rev. A. C. Wright

Rec'd June 18.

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El Parral, June 11, 1896.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Barton:

Although I have heard nothing from you in response to my letter on the Datolpilas subject, I am sure that you will be glad to keep informed as to the Mission action, and so I send you a copy of the result of the first attempt to arrange it.

I have brought the family here to remain until my return from the trip indi-

Rev. Geo. Wright

in the letter, and I am now arranging the outfit and putting my correspondence into shape, expecting to leave here next Tuesday.

The Education Soc. indicates that they expect to turn the property over to the Board, but I have no intimation of definite action in the matter yet. I shall be glad to hear as soon as anything is done.

Mr. Olds is very busy, personally superintending the construction of the ~~new~~, memorial church here, which, I am sure, will be a very tasty one, and prove a great stimulus to the work.

With sincere regards, in which Mrs. Wright joins,

cordially yours

A. C. Wright.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 8-11-96
Ans'd

El Parral, Mexico -
Aug. 4, 1896 -
(address mbg to El Paso, Texas).

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D. -
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

I have just returned from the sierra trip, having been gone a little more than six weeks; during that time we were in the saddle 23 days, travelled 750 miles, held 32 services with total attendance of 1,222 persons.

I will try to send you a more detailed report of the tour a little later.

On returning I find your favors of June 10th and 12th and 29th.

In regard to the grant of the

Board of $157 rent for last half of '95; was this paid directly to the Education Soc.? I have had no notification of its receipt yet.

It is true, as you say, that the Mission passed no resolution at its last meeting, in regard to the filling of the vacancy caused by the going of Mr. Case, but I may say that we were plainly told that no vacancies, even could be filled at present, and so deemed it useless.

As president of the Mission, however, I can assure you that the subject was often spoken of, and that it is the strong desire of every member of the Mission that this vacancy be filled as soon as possible leaving, of course, the location

of the new man to the Mission.

You report that the Education Society has decided to let us have the use of the buildings for this next year, charging us with half the rent, viz - $325. We were given to understand that they were willing to turn over the property to the Am. Board, and consequently made no allowance in our estimates for the payment of rent. ~~The~~ Shall I, therefore, be obliged to take this $325 out of the allowance for the school already cut down one half? I should like an immediate reply to this, if possible, as, in case I must do this, I wish to render a report to the Mission, before the opening of the School, Sept. 1st and ask for

instructions in the matter, as I seriously doubt the possibility of getting through the year at all with any further reduction.

With hesitancy I answer the two questions you ask, only reminding you that in so doing I express a personal opinion, which it is not probable all of the Mission would endorse, although I think that the majority would.

1st I still believe that, all things considered, El Paso is the place for the Training School.

2d I think that the property is worth for our purposes as much as $9000, but I also believe that if the matter could be presented to the donors of the funds, they would all wish the Am. Board to have it = now that the Ed. Soc. has abandoned the object for which the money was contributed.

With kind regards from Mrs. Wright, Mr. Alden & myself

Sincerely yours

A. C. Wright

Congregational Churches in Chihuahua:

CHIHUAHUA, PARRAL,
C. JUAREZ, ZARAGOZA,
LAS CUEVAS, SAN ISIDRO,
CUSIHUIRIACHIC, SAN BUENAVENTURA

# Mexican Mission of the American Board.

J. L. B.
Rec'd Aug. 14. 96.
Ans'd 9-23

PARRAL, MEXICO.

Aug. 8, 1896 –

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I am just sending to the different stations, for action upon the motions made therein. You will understand, of course, that this is, as yet, entirely my own idea, and any action taken by the Mission may be quite different from that proposed in this letter; but there is so great need of early instruction if anything is to be done changing the plans in regard to the school, that I send it to you that you may be prepared, and I also wished you to see my report of the recent trip, and of the present condition at Batopilas.

All of the Mission feel the need of a resident missionary in the Sinaloa field, and are united in desiring that the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Case, be filled immediately.

Will the money received from the bequest of Mrs. Tank be available for anything outside of the regular appropriations from the Board? I cannot see how we can expect to go on with our work on the present basis.

Sincerely Yours –

A. C. Wright.

Parral, Aug. 8, '96

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J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd
9-23-96

El Paso, Texas Aug. 18, 1896.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of Aug. 12th is at hand. I have just written to Mr. Matthews, the one who secured the subscriptions for this property, in regard to the demand of the Ed. Soc., and will report to you his reply later. I know that he is in sympathy with us in the matter.

I also enclose a copy of a letter which I am just now sending to the different stations of the Mission, giving the decision on the motions presented in my letter of the 7th, a copy of which I sent you.

I doubt not you will receive a communication from Mr. Eaton on the same subject withing a few days.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

W. C. Hooper

El Paso. Aug. 18, '96.

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 9-5-96
Ans'd 23

El Paso, Texas Aug. 31, 1896.

Rev. J.L.Barton,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I have just received a letter from Dr. Hamilton, of the Ed. Soc., in which he gives us very little cause to hope that the rent will not be charged this year.

Is there any hope of the granting of the man to fill the vacancy caused by the going of Mr. Case?

Letters from the different stations make it clear that this Mission, as a whole, is much exercised over that cooperation with the Woman's Board by which we are supplied with enough money to carry on four schools for girls, and may think of starting another, but are obliged to close the only school for boys which the Mission has, and the only one in which we may prepare preachers for our churches. When may we hope to lead the people to any idea of a self-supporting church without a native pastor?

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

C. C. Wright

El Paso. Aug. 31. '96.

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 9-12-96
Ans'd
5.23

El Paso, Texas Sept. 7, 1896.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I have received word from the Ed. Soc. that no rent will be charged for this year. The clouds begin to braak away! If we now receive word from you that our Board will grant the Mission the unexpended balance of Mr. Case's salary, I shall feel that I can open the school the first of October. Otherwise there is no hope.

All of the students were deeply disappointed when they learned that the opening had been deferred a month, and one, at least, had given up his work already, to be ready to enter, and is thrown out entirely for the month, searcely being able to find anything to support himself for the time.

I have received application for several who will pay their expenses, and each one of that kind helps to reduce the average expense of the rest.

Hoping that the Com. will soon take favorable action on this subject, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Geo. C. B. Wright

El Paso, Sept. 7, 1896

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 22, 1896.

Dear Brethren of the Mission:-

I have just received word from Mr. Bissell in reply to my circular letter of the 7th of August, indicating his vote in favor of the three motions contained in that letter. This gives a majority in favor of all the motions, which are, therefore, carried. They are as follows:-

First, that Mr. Eaton be instructed by the Mission to make formal application to the Board to be allowed to apply on General Work of the Mission the unexpended balance of the salary of Mr. Case for this year.

Second, that he also express to the Board the sentiment of the Mission that the only alternative of which we know will be the suspension of the Training School at El Paso, unless the suspension of the Girl's Schools be allowed instead, in order to continue the more important work of the education of the native ministry.

Third, that in view of the expressed willingness for such a step, the lady teachers of the Mission whose salaries have remained the same while all others have been cut, be requested to donate 10 % of their salaries to the General Work of the Mission.

As reported on Aug. 18th, the first and a half of the second were unanimously adopted, and I have now requested Mr. Eaton to report to the Board the second part of the second motion.

I take it for granted that e[illegible] station secured the vote of the ladies on the third motion, as directly affecting their work, and at best, it is simply a request, with no other force, and the ladies will take such action as they deem best in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.
President of the Mission.

9-28-96

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas Sept. 22, 1896.

TO

Rev. J. L. Batton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

In order that you may have before you the whole matter, I send you a copy of a letter just written, finishing up the action of the Mission on the subjects presented for action in connection with my report of the trip to Batopilas.

We are planning to open the school October first, and as the number who are expecting to pay a part or all of their expenses is larger, we shall have nearly as many as in other years. We hope soon to hear o of favorable action by the Prudential Committee in regard to our request.

For three weeks we have been holding open-air services every night in several Mexican suburbs , and with the aid of a Magic Lantern lent me, have attracted great numbers of those who have never attended evangelical services before. I use only views illustrating religious subjects, and give them a short sermon on each view, and as it is an entirely new thing to them, it is easy to hold their attention for some time on each view, and so the views last for several nights in the same place.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Sep. 22, 1896.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 10-27-96
Ans'd

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas Oct. 20, 1896.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I haar, through other members ofthe Mission, that we have been granted the $800 asked of the Board, and it as a great relief. All seem to be of the same mind, and, indeed, I do not know what we could have done without it.

The school has opened very well, and the work has been moving on smoothly, and with a very good spirit manifested by all.

Besides the three weeks of open-air meetings with the Magic Lantern (a borrowed one) before school opened, we have had one week of services every night, and two others with some extra services, since that time; the result is not all shown by the conversions, but we rejoice ~~now~~ in a class of candidates for membership which now numbers twelve. We have never had better attendance at all services, nor more interest than at present.

I enclose a copy of a letter sent to the various stations of the Mission today, giving the decision on two motions which had been presented for action. You have, doubtless received from Mr. Olds more of the particulars in regard to the need, danger, and opportunity in Parral which lead to this request, and from Mr. Eaton, telling of the reasons for the proposal for the Wagners. Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. J.L.B. Wright

Rev. A. C. Wright
El Paso Oct 20./95

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 10-27-96
Ans'd 12-16

El Paso, Texas, Oct, 20, 1896.

Dear Brethren of the Mission:-

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This motion receives the votes in favor by Eaton, Wagner and Wright, which, with that of Olds, makes a majority of the Mission, and is, therefore, carried.

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This is favored by the votes of Howland, Olds and Wagner, and with that of Eaton, make a majority in favor, and is carried.

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President of the Mission.

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El Paso, Oct. 20 96

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Ans'd 12



Mrs. Crawford
12-16-96

El Paso, Tex, Nov. 27, 1896.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

I am very glad to report to you as the unanimous desire of the Mission, the following, copied from a letter from Mr. Bissell, dated Sept. 24th, which has just made the circuit of all the stations:

"It has come to the knowledge of several of us that Mrs. Crawford finds herself in exceedingly straightened circumstances. She bravely declined the usual aid afforded by the Board to widows and dependent children of missionaries, thinking that by earnest effort she could support her family. We

understand that she has a little piece of land planted to orange trees, which may, after two or three years, afford her some relief. Doubtless on being informed the Board would willingly grant her some temporary aid. I therefore move that these facts be communicated to the Prudential Committee, through Secretary Barton, with the request from this Mission, for such aid as they shall think best to provide."

I have reason to know that Mrs. Crawford has been very hard pressed for the necessities often, and although some of her friends have been able to help her at such times, there is nothing which she can count on definitely sufficient for herself and family.

Our work goes on well, with increasing interest and attendance in the church; indeed, our church

building is often filled to its utmost. Since August, twenty-three persons have publicly confessed Christ in our services, and although some will be detained from joining the church on account of matrimonial complications, due chiefly to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico, I believe them all to be sincere christians.

We have but ten in the school now, because of the cut in appropriation, but they are doing well.

I hope that we may soon hear that the Prud. Com. have been able to help Mrs. Crawford. Her address is 1802 West 12th St. Los Angeles, Calif.

Sincerely Yours -

A. E. Wright.

Mr. A. C. Wright,

El Paso, Nov. 27, 96.

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J. L. B.
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Ans'd 16

El Paso, Texas Dec. 10, 1896.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Through Mr. Howland I learn tht there is a probability that the Prudential Com. will send one or more representatives to attend the Evangelical Alliance in Mexico City, Jan. 27- 31. I am very glad to hear this, and hope that you will advise me as soon as the persons are decided upon.

We shall expect to see them here, of course, and, as I am one of the delegates appointed by the Mission, we may travel in company from here to Mexico City. If it is possible for them to run out to Parral, sixty miles by stage from the R.R., to attend the dedication of the new church there, they will in that way be enabled to see missionary work to better advantage, perhaps, than in any other way. I hope that they can do so. I sincerely wish that we might hope that you could take the trip. I think that you would then understand the field better than is possible by correspondence.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Wright and myself,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright

El Paso, Dec. 10, 96

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El Paso, Texas. Jan. 2, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 17th of Dec. was duly received. I hope that I shall soon hear of the decision of some one to represent the Board at the meeting at Mexico City, and dedication of church in Parral.

In regard to your question as to the practicability of our mission uniting with the Presbyterians in a training school for Christian workers, I can say that we have worked with ~~very great~~ complete harmony so far, and that, so far as the possibility of securing a training in such an institution which would be satisfactory to both denominations, I have no doubt of its practicability. I have never heard, however, that they had considered such a project, and wonder if they ~~we~~ would do so, first, because of their comparative size, as they have eight or ten times as many members as we, and with work in most of the states of the republic; then, their center of work would be very far removed from that which would suit us, and the expense of sending students so far would be considerable; and it is also probable that if they entered into it, they would desire to carry it on on a somewhat more extensive ~~style~~ scale than we would wish, and we would be involved in greater expense than if we should carry on our own;

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I fear, also, that there would be continual difficulty in arranging in regard to the proportion to be paid by each society and the management of the institution.

I shall, however, be glad to know of the thought of others on this question, and, personally, if all these things could be satisfactorily arranged, should be glad to see such a school established.

At present our school is costing us, all salaries and expenses included, but little over the amount of the salary of two married missionaries, that is, all the expenses besides our own salary, amount to just about the salary of another missionary family. That does not seem to me too much for the mission to spend upon the education of its native ministry. But I do not think that we ought to be contented with this reduction in the work, nor allow our men to go out with only the training that one man can give them, nor, indeed, that one man ought to have to do all the educational work in such a school. We are running it now provisionally, until the time when there shall be means enough to do better. I do not feel at all sure that we shall be able to do more than finish up this school year, and then close the school.

A very important point in the consideration of this subject is to know the stand which the Education Society will take in regard to rent after June next. We cannot plan without knowledge on this point.

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Will you not kindly confer with them and let me know the result as soon as possible? If I could know the probability before going to Mexico City, it might be of importance, as I could there talk the matter over with Mr. Howland, and Mr. Eaton, and with Mr. Olds before going.

Our students are now reduced to nine. In many respects we are able to do better by them than if they were more, and they are really the choice ones of all whom we have had here.

Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you, and we wish you a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 2, '97

J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-16-97
Ans'd 3-13-



El Paso, Tex. Feb 10 - 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.
Boston Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Jan. 5th was duly rec'd. You have doubtless heard from Mr. Olds, of the very interesting dedicatory services in Parral. From there Mr. & Mrs. Eaton & I went on to Mexico City. I had hoped to visit the M. E. School in Puebla, but it was not in session. This is the only theological school at present, in Mexico, but the Presbyterians considered this subject at their Annual Meeting in Mexico City, just before the Alliance, and voted to reopen next June, asking for an appropriation for this purpose, $2000 silver from their Board. They plan to have it in some suburb of Mexico City placing Mr. Millar in charge of it, who will have the aid of Mr. Brown in class work, and of one or more of the native

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pastors for instruction in elementary branches. The appropriation asked is not to include anything of the salaries of the teachers force, so that it is about the same as we would have for our school here after deducting salaries. Board & wages of help is undoubtedly much cheaper there than here. The plan to open with from 8 to 12 students, from whom they hope to receive a little toward their expenses.

While there, those of our Mission, Mr. Hawkins, the Eatons & myself, were invited to spend an evening with the members of the three Presbyterian bodies represented in the Alliance, the regular, the Reformed & the Cumberland, and with Rev. J. W. Henry Grant of New York, to consider questions of mutual interest with the especial thought of possible coöperation. The question of a union training school for preachers was discussed quite thoroughly, and altho the difficulties on account of extent of field, & differences of men & customs in various parts

as well as doubt as to the possibility of sustaining such an establishment, made most of us hesitate, Mr. Millar & myself were named as a Com. to consider further the practability of the project, to correspond, & to report to our respective missions.

After the meeting one proposal was suggested which seemed to meet with general favor; it was that we move southward towards the Pres. field, & they come up to meet us, and that the two periodicals be united under one management, & go with the school, with the expectation that the students should do the greater part of the work of the printing office. Under the right management I think that this would be a success and a very desirable arrangement, but I confess that I am not very sanguine as to the possibility of securing the proper direction.

Will you kindly secure for me some statement from the Education Soc as to what we may expect after July first in regard to the property here? I can

make no plans to present to the Mission in regard to continuing the school until I know whether rental will be expected of us.

On the way to Parral Mr. Eaton suggested that, in view of certain property & building questions in the Aurora field which need attention, it might be better to plan to hold our Annual Meeting there this year. After talking the matter over fully with Mr. Olds, & Mr. Howland, we all agreed that this would be best, and have now arranged to hold the meeting in Hermosillo & La Colorada, April 2 - 7. Will it not be possible for you, or some member of the P. Comm. to attend? It would be a help to us, & I am sure would be worth much to you in considering questions relating to this Mission.

Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,
A. E. Wright.

Rev. A. E. Wright
Olds Parral, Mex.
April 6, 1897

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El Paso, Texas March 11, 1897.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Barton:-

As the time for our Annual Meeting draws near, I venture to call your attention once more to the necessity of having some definite word from the Education Society in regard to the use of the property here for the school for another year. I think that it is much better that you see them and ascertain just what they will do in the matter, for I fear that the matter would be delayed indefinitely if attempted by correspondence from here.

By reducing all around, I have been able to keep along within the allowance this year, and presume that I could plan to continue it without increasing the expense, if obliged to do so by the circumstances, for another year, but it will certainly be impossible to pay any rent out of this half allowance.

Has anything been done yet in regard to an allowance for Mrs. Crawford? The Mission is interested to know the outcome.

Perhaps I have been a little slow to take in the fact, but I have but just ascertained that the salaries of two of the missionary families of this Mission are reduced but 5%, the other being 10% discount, due to the placing of the names of the wives of two on the list of the Wo-

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man's Board. This unequal distribution of the burden of hard times is causing considerable surprise among us, and I would like to inquire, Is this the case generally in the Missions of the Board? Has anyone ever calculated the number of missionaries whose salaries are not reduced at all, those who are cut down 5%, and those who lose 10% of their salaries?

To illustrate the way it works here; A single man's expenses are undoubtedly much larger than those of the lady teachers, for several reasons; but Mr. Olds, in our Mission, is cut down to an amount 10 % less than that received by the lady teachers of the Mission.

We shall all be glad if it shall be decided by the Board to send a representative to our Annual Meeting, to be held in Hermosillo, April 2 -- 7. If there are any subjects which you think we should especially consider at that time, I shall be glad to learn of them.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Wright and myself,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-4-97
Ans'd 7

El Paso, Texas April 29, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 22d is at hand and contents noted.

It is true, as you suggest, that a competent specialist might be found to treat Mrs. Wright's eyes, nearer than Chicago, but the fact that her home is near Chicago, and that she has a sister in the city, and is especially recommended to physicians there, make it seem desirable to go there rather than to a place among entire strangers, where, indeed, she could hardly go with the children without my help also. You also seem to infer that this will incur extra expense to the Board, but we have not contemplated asking for anything further than our regular salary during the time of her absence.

I note that you report action on all of the requests for leave of absence except that of the Eatons, but I take it for granted that they have written to you of the subject, and probably received word direct, perhaps even before the meeting of the Mission.

My report of the school to the mission is quite full, and will be forwarded with the other reports in a few days. If you should desire further information on any point I shall be glad to write fully.

I am awaiting word from Batopilas before definitely deciding in regard to the tours for the summer.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. C. Wright,
El Paso, March 11, 97

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas March 18, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Barton:-

Yours of the 13th is just at hand, and I will present the matter for consideration to the Advisory Committee of the school, and later, to the Mission at the annual meeting.

While, as you know, I did not favor the purchase of the property with the condition that the school be kept here, I have thought, and do still, that it would be a very wise thing to do to purchase it, if funds can be secured for doing so. I am not at all sure, however, that the Mission would favor such a move, but will report the opinion of others later.

The Committee for the consideration of a joint school consists of only two, Mr. Millar for the Presbyterians, and myself, and I found by conversation with Mr. Millar, that while heartily in favor of such a project if feasible, he does not see how it will be possible to overcome the difficulties of such great distances between our extreme fields of work, and the difference in climate in which the men will have to work. They are even discussing the need of two schools in their own field, one for "hot country men", and the other for the "cold country".

With sincere regards, your truly,

A. C. Wright

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-29-97
Ans'd 29

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas, March 27-1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

In your last letter you made mention of the subject of the appointment of a man to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Case's leaving our mission. Can you not give us some word of hope along that line to be reported at our Annual Meeting? If you can, please send the reply to me at Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, where I shall be on April 2d.

Sincerely yours,
A. C. Wright.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 4-21-97
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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas April, 12, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Barton:-

Yours of March 30th, was received at Hermosillo, and all of us were glad to hear something in regard to the prospect ofthe filling of Mr.Case's place inthe mission.

We had a good meeting, of which I will send you a copy of the minutes as soon as I can get them finished, for I am secretary for this year, but on account of special meetings all this ~~work~~ week, and the school work, I cannot get them copied immediately.

Among other items, however, the mission approved our request for leave of absence from the field for Mrs. Wright, to go to Chicago for medical treatment. For years one of her eyes has been failing in strength but as she could see well with the other, we had not thought it necessary to have it treated; but the doctor now tells us that the nervous strain in trying to use that eye is affecting her general health seriously, and the only hope for improvement will be through treatment by a specialist in that line, such as we cannot secure here. We would, therefore, apply to the Prudential Committee for permission for her to leave as soon as we can arrange for it,and we cannot say for what lenght of time she will need to be away, but certainly not longer than

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three months. In the mean time I shall be away on tours with the students a large part of the time.

As Mr. Olds also wishes to go north to visit his little girl this summer, we hope to arrange to have him go with Mrs. Wright, and she will take two of the children, while I will keep one with me.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

El Paso, Apr. 12, 97

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-1-97
Ans'd 4

El Paso, Texas April 26, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Barton:-

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the Annual meeting. The reports of the stations I do not send yet, because a few were not made in duplicate, and I am waiting to receive the other copy; and the statistical reports are not all in yet. I will forward these together as soon as I receive them.

I am now planning for the touring work directed by the mission, and am waiting for further word from Batopilas before deciding whether to visit that place again this year. On such a long trip, through so much territory populated only by Indians whose language we cannot speak I shall take only one or two of the students, but I hope to make a trip through the northern part of the state of Chihuahua, by wagon, with several of the students, and in that section, no evangelical work at all has yet been done. It has especial importance just now, as a rail-road is being rapidly pushed through it, from this place.

Mrs. Wright is planning to go to Chicago in about three weeks.

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Rev. A. C. Wright,
El Paso, Mexico, Apr. 26, 97

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-13-97
Ans'd 6-25

El Paso, Texas May 8, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I send with this (in two envelppes) the Statistical Summary of the Mission for the year ending March 31st, 1897, and the Station Reports presented at the Annual Meeting, and approved by the Mission.

The minutes, I forwarded some time ago, but have discovered one mistake in copying them, which might be the cause of some misunderstanding. The motion in regard to the allowance for the Chihuahua school, (Monday, Ap. 5th) should read, "It was recommended to allow to the Chihuahua school $52 a month for the school year of ten months". This is not in addition to what they have had, but is the whole allowance.

We are now in the midst of reviews for the final examination, to be held the last of the month. The students are working hard, and will do well, I am sure.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Rev. A. G. Wright
Boston, Mass.
May 6, 1917

Rev. J. L. Burton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I send with this (in two envelopes) the Statistical Summary of the Mission for the year ending March 31st, 1917, and the Station Reports presented at the Annual Meeting, and approved by the Mission.

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Sincerely yours,

J. L. B. 5-17-97
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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas May 12, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of the 6th is at hand. Ere this, I presume, ~~that~~ you have received the reports from the stations, sent in two envelopes last week.

I will try to explain the points in regard to which you inquire.

The motion in regard to the Pratt Version of the Bible was to the effect that the Prudential Committee increase our force( in addition to filling ~~to~~ the place already vacant by Mr. Case's leaving) so that this new work could be undertaken. It was the unanimous opinion of the mission that this revision ought to be undertaken by a competent corps of men from the various denominations working in the country, and it was generally felt that if we could not adopt the plan recommended, and report favorably to our home Board, there was little hope of any of the others doing so; but our number of missionaries is so small, and the work so great that we could not think for a moment of asking any one now here to leave his present field unoccupied to take up this important work. If the Board can grant us a new man, we may be able to place him so as to free one of our members for this work, or if the Board can secure one now ready to enter upon this revision work, and

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appoint him especially for it, so much the better.

You misunderstood the action in regard to the Chihuahua school and the property formerly used by the Eatons as residence. They asked for the use of that property, but the mission did not grant it, but instructed the station to rent that part, granting Mr. Eaton the money to be received from the rent, in consideration of his charging no rent for the house in which they now live. If the Woman's Board should grant them enough extra to pay that rent, the mission would probably be very glad to have them take it, and the growth of the school is such as to demand, in the opinion of that station, either such a step, or the erection of more rooms on the part now occupied by them. I understand from Mr. Eaton that the Woman's Board provided the funds for the remodelling of a part of the buildings which they now occupy, but that it has never paid any rent on the premises.

Our constitution does not define any especial duties of the President in regard to correspondence with the home Board, and I know of no reason why we should not conform to the custom, as you indicate it to be in other missions, to have the correspondence directed to the Cor. Sec'y. Mr. Eaton, who passed through here today, says that this would be his opinion.

Our little church here has just contributed $12.50 to aid the starving ones of India. Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

El Paso, May 12, 97

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-3-97
Ans'd

El Paso, Texas. May 29, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of the 25th is just received, and I am very glad to be able to report to the Mission the appointment of Miss Miller Is she the one whom the Bissells were waiting to hear from, one who already has the language?

I wish that we might expect the missionary family so much needed in Mr. Case's place also. It is a very serious question what to do with the Sonora field. The Mission voted to have the Wagners spend a part of the yearz there but since then we have learned that Mrs. Wagner expects to be confined at such a time as to make that practicably out of the question. The work is most promising there, but it will not take care of itself, nor have we any native who can be expected to develop it properly, and the start made, the money expended in property, and the opportunies for great good, at present all seem to be of little avail. Give us some hope for a man if possible!

I write in the midst of the greatest distress in this place. An unprecedented rise in the Rio Grande has swept away all the lower part of the city, leaving over 2,000 people houseless, principally of the Mexicans. Our church is down, and that of the Baptist and Methodist missi

dist missions, and almost all of our members are without shelter. The hills and vacant lots are covered with hastily made camps, while many are now for the third day without any covering, in the midst of this almost tropical sun, and made excruciating by the reflection from the bare sand and gravel soil. A still further rise is reported to be on its way, which will affect the part of the city where the Americans live.

The school property is on high ground, and so not in the least danger, and here we shall hold services tomorrow, but our church building is gone, and all that we can do is to save a part of the timbers and the iron roof when the water goes down. I had all of the furniture removed in time, taking my students down and finishing only a short time before the flood-gates of the canal gave way, inundating all. Even then I went down with some of the boys and got out all of the windows and doors.

I am very busy helping to relieve the poor and sick.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Mrs Tyler
25 Linwood St
Rochester

El Paso, May 29, 1917

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501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

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El Paso, Texas June 4, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I enclose the Estimates of our Mission for the year 1898, as made out by Mr. Eaton, and examined by me, in accordance with the directions of the Mission.

Mr. Eaton calls attention to the fact that the items for "General Work A.B.C.F.M. " are kept within the sum appropriated for 1897; and that the sum of Missionaries' Salaries is higher, partly because of greater age of children, and partly because we put the Guadalajara salaries on the same basis as others.

As I reported a few days since, our people are scattered in all directions by the flood, and our church building is gone. I shall probably get off on my first tour, with three of the students, my little son Leavitt (of five), and a Bible colportor who has been all over the state, next week. We go by train to Villa Ahumada, some 70 miles from here, then by wagon, to Corralitos, the terminus, at present, of a new rail-road just being put through from this place, about 150 miles, then visiting various places, all entirely new to our work, in the northern part of the state of Chihuahua, finally working our way

to Guerrero, where the Wagners are.

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C. E. Wright.

El Paso, June 4, 97

Rev. A. C. Wright, 255 S

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Casas Grandes, Chihuahua.
July 3 - 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D. -
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

We are well started on our touring work now. One of the students is supplying the pulpit in Chihuahua during Mr. Eaton's absence, another in Parral for Mr. Olds, and two others are in important places in Mr. Old's very extensive field. Two are with me and a Bible Colporteur. We have traveled 155 miles with the wagon, held 12 services with a total attendance of 680 persons inside and a still larger number outside, visited five

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have ever been held as far
as I know, and have sold
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Sincerely Yours
A. E. Wright.

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Rev. A. C. Wright,

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El Valle de S. Buenaventura,
Chihuahua, Mexico.
July 9, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Baxter, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of June 28th is at hand, and I have written to the different stations in regard to Mrs. Crawford, asking them to answer direct to you, as it will be hard to find me for the next month.

I do not doubt that all will enthusiastically recommend her re-appointment for work in Mexico, either to open a school in La Colorada, Sonora, where she is so well known, and where the Wagners found so urgent an opening for

a school, or for special work for women, in which further consideration and consultation would be needed in regard to the place of work and plan to be adopted.

We have been abundantly blessed of the Lord in our work so far, and I push on the Guerreros next week in order to make the Batopilas, horseback trip before the rains, which have already begun, shall have swollen the rivers too much.

Sincerely Yours.

A. E. Wright.

P.S. Please note that my address is no longer Box 52, but 511 N. Santa Fe St. El Paso, Tex.

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A. C. Wright—Director.

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Herald

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 10, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I presume that you have already heard that Mrs. Crawford has found it impossible, on account of the children, and her own health, to return to Mexico at present, so that no further action from the mission is necessary.

I returned, with our little boy, from our trip on the 28th of Aug., meeting Mrs. Wright and the ~~other~~ two children who went with her on their return from the north the same day. We had had a rather hard trip on the return from Batopilas, it having rained every day, but we were providentially kept from danger in spite of swollen rivers and and very treacherous roads, and were not even delayed a day.

We left this place on June 11th, and after a few days at Villa Ahumada to get the outfit together, we began our evangelistic tour through the north central part of the state of Chihuahua. Our outfit consisted of a wagon with two horses and two saddle horses, a "Baby Organ", a magic lantern, with slides illustrating the life of Christ and others with good Gospel Hymns and music, a 10 x 12 tent and the necessary cooking utensils and food . The company was made up of Florentino Piña, a valued colporteur, two students from the Training School, both good singers and able to play the organ, myself and son of

five years of age.

Our method of work was to visit the towns and groups of ranches wherever a congregation could be gathered, call upon the principal municipal authority of the place to advise him of our plans ,and secure, through his influence if possible, the school house or some suitable room for the services; then visit all the houses to invite the people to the services, distribute tracts and sell bibles and religious books. I had secured a list of these authorities and a personal recommendation from the "jefe político", under whom politically the whole district is, and this was a great help, as we secured suitable rooms in every town without a cent of expense during the whole journey.

This is not a thickly populated state, and we were obliged to travel long distances between towns, from twenty to fifty miles; the whole time for the wagon trip was thirty-nine days, during which we travelled over 360 miles, visited ten towns, held thirty public services with a total attendance of 1915 people. Of these towns only four have had any evangelical work, and by far the greater part of those who attended had never before entered an evangelical service. Many tracts were distributed, and a good number of bibles and other books sold. The people listened with the best attention to all that was said, and the rooms were usually as full as they would hold, and many stood at the doors and windows to see and listen.

But I would not have you infer that there was no opposition to all this. On the contrary we found the people warned against us in every

place that we visited. Many would tear the tracts up in our very faces, and use the most insulting language to us. In one place one of the students discovered that a young man was preceding him along the street calling at every house and warning the inmates that a "protestant devil" was coming with papers to give away, which should either be refused, or received and burned immediately. Another one was explaining about the magic lantern views in one house and inviting them to attend, and as he was about to leave, handed them some tracts. A woman immediately exclaimed, "Ah! Now I know who you are. The priest has told us to take care not to receive any papers that were given away because they are all protestant, and condemned. You must be a protestant because you give away papers."

At Guerrero we were obliged to leave the wagon for the mountain trip to Batopilas. One of the students was left in Namiquipa to contime work until my return, my boy remained with Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, and the other three of us went on horseback, taking along one packmule, and going by way of Cusihuiriachic.

While the section through we passed is, perhaps, ~~still~~ more populated than that we had already traversed, we could do nothing whatever along the road in Gospel work, for they are all Indians, of the Tarahumare tribe, with ~~no~~ very little knowledge of the Spanish language, and their own not reduced to writing. They are an extremely retiring tribe, living largely in caves, often being true cliff-dwellers, seldom coming

out into sight of the traveller, and always leaving their houses to hide near by if any one approaches. One may take freely of corn or other edibles which he may find there if he put its value in a split stick, leaving it stuck into the ground near the door, but if he omit this little formality it may go hard with him at some point along the road afterward! They are famous runners, are peaceable, living on the corn, beans, and potatoes which they cultivate, and have few vices except the almost universal one of drunkenness from the "tezguino" which they make from corn. A part of the way on our return we left the main road, in order to visit Bocoyna, and secured Indian guides for two days, with whom we were able to get along very well with the rather limited vocabulary of five words:- corn, road, water, hunger and pinole (parched corn ground into a meal, much used by the Indians).

We held meetings for eight days in Batopilas, with excellent results, and at the close I received six persons to the church, making a total membership of twenty-eight, and there are some twelve more candidates to be received later. The preacher there, my former student, and, later, assistant in the Training School, has done good work, and Miss Burris' school has helped much in the church. Miss Burris had gone to ~~the Bissells, in Sonora~~ Sinaloa before I arrived, and was detained there by chills and fever, so that I did not see her at all, but I looked up a suitable house for the school for next year. There is no doubt that she has been working altogether too hard there, and needs an assistant, and we are now arranging to send her one of the graduates of the Chihuahua

School for next year. A chief difficulty will be for her to secure suitable food, now that she is not to be in the company hospital as last year. She ought, also, to take more exercise, and not confine herself so completely to the school-room.

In all this journeying of about 500 miles in wagon and buggy, 400 on horse-back and 600 by rail-road we have had continual blessings from the Lord, and have learned new lessons of faith in Him for every-day needs. In spite of hard work, poor food, bad roads and a month of almost daily rainstorms through which we travelled right along, I have enjoyed the trip, and am grateful for the privilege of such work.

But through it all the constant question occurs, "Why do we not develop these wonderfully open and promising places?" The only answer that can be made is that there are no funds to carry on the work. Many of the places are even calling for preachers, but we cannot send them for we cannot support them, nor is it a possible thing for the work to be self-supporting from the first. Give this field a chance to develop and it will surprise you with its progress.

Here in El Paso I find the members much scattered by the destruction of their houses in the flood of last May, and with no church building to hold them together. They are taking an interest in this field through which I have passed, and have formed a band to pray daily that God may open the way for the evangelization of the Indian tribes of Mexico. The members prepared a surprise for us in a meeting to welcome us home, in which the church, the Sunday School and the Christian Endeavor Society all took part. It was a touching proof of their affection. Mrs. Wright joins in kind regards.

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El Paso, Sept. 1897

J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-1-97
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El Paso, Texas, Oct. 25, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I was glad to receive yours of the 20th, for I had begun to fear that my report of the summer's work had been lost.

The question to which Dr. Eaton refers has been practically decided by the mission itself, for I found out by correspondence that not only was the mission not in favor of shortening still more the school year in order to extend the evangelistic work, but that Dr. Eaton is the only one from whom I have heard who favors it. I would not have you infer that the rest do not appreciate this work, but that they think that we cannot afford to cut off the school year more than we have already done, which is twoxmonths. So I have gone on with the original plan, and will open the term on November first.

I sincerely wish, for the good of the school and of the work of the mission, that you would let me know what has led you to the conclusion that the school is not "satisfactory to all parties concerned". I think that it is true, but I am at a loss to understand why. The school has received the hearty approval of the mission each year since it started; it has furnished a good supply of men for the work who, have to say the least, given fairly good satisfaction in their work, and we have, except in the remote Jalisco field, but one native preacher now who has not received his instruction in this school, a fact which cannot be said of any similar institution in the country; it has been

conducted as economically as could be expected in the place, and will compare well in this respect with the work of all the other denominations.

I do not write this to vindicate the school, but to indicate why it is that I cannot understand the lack of satisfaction which evidently exists somewhere, nor do I know certainly where the dissatisfaction is, I mean, who are the dissatisfied ones. It would help us exceedingly if the persons who have such ideas would frankly express them to the mission, and I am sure that some remedy could be found.

Personally, I would now much prefer to leave the school work, at least, as at present situated, but it is urged upon me that if I do, it means the indefinte postponement of the education of our native ministry, and that I am providentially placed in this position, and should evidently remain until some other way is opened for the continuance of this work, for the mission would be unable to keep it up if I should withdraw.

As before indicated, there is a feeling that it would be better to transfer the school to some point in the country, but doubt as to the right place for it, the considerable cost of such transfer, with rent of buildings etc., and the fact that everything here is so admirably adapted to just such a plant as this, all hinder the mission from taking that step.

I shall be glad of any help that you can give us in the consideration of these subjects.

Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you.

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Sincerely yours,

E. C. Paul, Oct. 25, '97

Rev. A. C. Wright

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El Paso, Tex, Nov. 9, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I am glad to have received your kind letter of the 1st. The fact that the right course to follow in regard to our school work has been so constantly before us, and that so many plans have been suggested, undoubtedly made me sensitive, and helped me to interpret your former letter as I did.

Let me renew our request of last year, that a representative of the Board visit us, if possible at the time of our annual meeting, to be held in El Paral, in April. I sincerely wish that you could come. Will

it not be possible for you to do so? I think that it would be a great help to you in future correspondence, furnish you with new material for your work, and be a great help to us in the discussion of many subjects that come before us. Is there not a general feeling that the Board should come into more direct contact with its work and workers by just such visits? This is certainly the place to begin, as being the nearest, and so the most economical trip, and I believe, one of the least visited, so far.

But do not forget that our first and imperative need is a missionary family for Sonora (Hermosillo). Will not the funds allow him to be sent yet?

Sincerely yours
A. C. Wright.

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RIO GRANDE
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A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. Nov. 23, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of the 17th is at hand and I have just copied it to forward to the different stations. We shall all be very glad if you can visit us at our Annual Meeting.

Last Friday Mrs. Wright slipped on the freshly oiled floor and fell, striking with her full weight on the elbow of her left arm, one that was injured in her childhood in such a way that the bone of the elbow has always been rigid. The fall severely bruised, and probably broke that bone near the elbow, but it has been so painful and difficult to manage that the doctors havenot yet been able to determine just what the injury is. She is much easier now, and we hope that the doctors will be able to do something to secure permanent recovery before long.

The school has opened very satisfactorily indeed, and is going on smoothly. I hope to write you soon with extracts from others engaged in similar work in the other denominations, showing that our compares favorably with them in all respects. It has frequently been intimated that ours was an expensive establishment, but I fail to see that it is so much so as others of the kind are or have been.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright

El Paso, Texas
Dec. 23, '97

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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. Dec. 30, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of the 15th, with report of the appropriations made by the Woman's Board of Boston for the Mexico work, is at hand, and has been reprted to the various stations.

I am sorry that you will not be ableto attend our Annual Meeting, but hope that we may see you here at some later date.

Mrs. Wright continues to improve, but the arm must be kept in the cast for a month or more yet.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

Dec. 30, 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D..
Boston, Mass..

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of the 16th, with report of the appropriations made by the Woman's Board of Boston for the Mexican work, is at hand, and has been reported to the various societies.

I am sorry that you will not be able to attend our Annual Meeting, but hope that we may see you here at some later date.

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With best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely Yours.

El Paso, Tex.
Dec. 30, 97

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RIO GRANDE
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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Tex. Jan. 14, 1898.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of the 6th, with copy of the appropriations from the Woman's Board of the Interior is at hand.

In July I believe, I received word that blanks of a new form for the statistical reports had been forwarded me, but I have received none. I wrote again in September to ask for more, but they have not arrived. Please let me know if there are any to be used in the reports to be madethis year, and if so, have some sent me as soon as practicable, for distribution to the stations.

On the fourth of this month a little lady, Alfreda Delight Wright, was born to us, and we are rejoicing in her presence continually. Both she and Mrs. Wright are doing well, although Mrs. Wright is quite weak, and with her arm still very tender, will not be able to do much for some time.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Jan. 14, '98

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RIO GRANDE
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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. April, 18, 1898.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Our Annual Meeting in El Parral was a very satisfactory one, and the reports all encouraging. As I was continued in the office of secretary, I shall forward to you a full report as soon as school duties leave me time enough to make it out, together with some special requests from the Mission for action by the Prudential Committee, but none of these are of urgent importance in regard to time.

I will only mention that the Mission voted to request the Wagners to take up the work in the Sonora field, on account of the great need of a missionary family there, although we all recognized that the field in which they now are is one which will give much more satisfaction to work in immediate growth and others ways. The lack of a man to fill the vacancy caused by the going of the Cases causes this change, but it does not supply the lack; we simply spread ourselves out thinner!

May I ask, have the Misses Leitch handed you a large photo of our buildings here? I sent them one with the request that it be given to you when they had used it as they desired.

With kindest regards, sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

E. Prusso, Oct. 18, '98

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-11-98
Ans'd 14



RIO GRANDE
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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. May 6, 1898.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 20th is at hand, having passed mine of the 18th on the way. I am very sorry that you have been left so long a time without newsfrom this field, and the only explanation is that each of us supposed that the others had written, ad there was nothing of especial importance to report. I think, however, that we shall all try to keep up our correspondence better hereafter.

I certainly supposed that you had been notified of the election by the Mission, of Mr. Howland to serve on the Revision Committee "on condition that it do not take over two hours daily of his time". I reported your letter of August 4th on the subject, and the Mission immediately chose Mr. Howland as just indicated. There has been one meeting of the members of the Committee, in San Luis Potosí I believe, and they organized for work, and discussed some difficulties which were threatening the work. Mr. Howland has proved himself a worthy member by pushing the others on to definite work so far as possible, but up to a recent date he was the only one who has gone ahead with the scheme assigned, and actually sent copies of his suggestions for revision on certain chapters designated, to the rest. I will say

frankly that I do not believe that the Committee, as at present constituted, will ever be able to accomplish anything practical, but I am glad that it cannot be said that it is because of our lack of cooperation. The Presbyterians have just chosen a good member, however, and he may be able to tone them up.

I do not anticipate that the war with Spain will interfere at all with our work in Mexico, certainly not that Mexico will ever "join with Spain", but there are many Spaniards in Mexico who would gladly make trouble if they could. We are anxious to hear in regard to the Gulicks and the teachers at San Sebastián. . I have seen nothing in the papers about them and would like to know of their condition.

On account of the withdrawal of the preacher of the M.E.South church in Guayamas to form an independent congregation (independent "of all foreigners") who attempted to take their church building also, and has said that he is going to Hermosillo to do the same to us, the Wagners have decided to go at once to their new field, and we expect them here, on their way, within a few days now.

Mrs. Wright is quite well now, as are the children, and all join in kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

El Paso, Tex., May 6, '98

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RIO GRANDE
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501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. May 7, 1898.

Rev. J.L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I have sent you today, by express, the reports from all of the stations of this Mission, and the statistical reports of such as have not sent them direct to you, together with a summary of the same. The report from Guadalajara, however, is to be sent you directly from that place.

I think that by another year we shall be able to use the blanks with greater unanimity, and I wish now to refer to you a question which was raised in out Annual Meeting, and about which I was requested to correspond with you. It has seemed to all of us that it would be much better to make out our statistical reports to correspond with the calendar year, from Jan. to Dec, and that all of the Missions could adopt such a method better than any other in order to have statistics which could be easily compared with each other. Would there be any objection from the Board to our changing to adopt this plan for the future? Is there any unanimity in the ~~stm~~ Missions in this regard?

I am unable to prepare the report of the Annual Meeting yet, but will send you a copy as soon as it is ready.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright

El Paso Tex. May 6, '98

Rev. A. C. Wright

El Paso, May 7, 98

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RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas, May 26, 1898.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Daar Sir:-

Under a separate cover I send you a copy of the minutes of our last Annual Meeting, held in Parral.

I have marked with red ink one clause in which you will see that I am requested by the Mission to urge upon the Prudential Committee our request for a man to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of the Cases from the field. I am sure, I do not know how I can do it more than by simply calling your attention once more to the fact, and a consideration of our field and work, the condition of our Training School constantly menaced with the necessity of being closed, not only on account of lack of funds, but because of. the great need of all of the missionaries in the field to carry on the work which we have in hand. Is there no gleam of hope yet for us?

You will notice that we have not given the title due to Dr. Eaton, but this is not because of any indisposition to do so, for we, of all, think that we should have that privilege, but because of his own urgent request that we of the Mission should not use it. It is somewhat embarassing to us, as it seems to put us in the light of not favoring the conferring of that title on him, which is far from the truth, but we simply accede to his repeatedly made request.

Sincerely Yours
A. C. Wright

El Paso, May 26, '98

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RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. June 20, 1898.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 3d came while I was away on a trip to El V. de S. Buenaventura, my newly acquired territory for work under this station. I went in company with one of the students returning to his home, and another whom I was introducing to his field of work for the Mission during the vacation of the school, and my little boy of six years went along with us to keep up the spirits of the company, which he succeeded in doing admirably! Oor journey was by rail for 150 miles, and then sixty by buggy and bicycle to the town memtioned, from which place the others went on alone to their respective places.

In El V. de S.B. I remained a little over a week, holding services continously from one Sunday till the next, receiving 13 members to the church, preaching each night alternately in the village and at some ranches six miles down the river, where the new work is developing and most of the new members live. There will be several other to receive the next time I go there, which may be in the month of August.

On my return, I find, besides your letter, one from Mr. Ashmun, Home Missionary Supt. of New Mexico, in which he says that the Ed. Soc. has requested him to come down here to look into the possible sale of this property, which he wished to do at some time when I would be here.

This reminds me of the fact that we were assured at the time of their withdrawal from the support of the school, that the property would not be sold so long as the American Board desired to continue the school in it. Moreover, it seems to me that the fact of their having requested us to pay the Insurance for two years in advance, and having accepted that payment from us would make them obliged to respect our claim if we wished to occupy the property. I have always contended that the money given for this property was secured solely by arguments drawn from the need of just exactly this kind of work, and that the donors would be indignant if they were to ascertain that this property had been deliberately taken away from the end to which it was dedicated and the money realized from its sale, applied to other kind of work. Mr Matthews, the field agent who secured the money, says that I am entirely correct in this opinion.

Still, I do not know that it devolves upon me to do anything in this matter at present; I simply write to you to know what you think of it. I presume that if this property is sold, unless the Board can provide something more for us, the school will have to be suspended, and it certainly seems to be in its most useful and prosperous condition at present.

I shall be going to Toluca, to the Convention of Christian Endeavor and S.Schools, two weeks from today, to be gone about two weeks or a little more.

Our family is pretty well, but the heated term has well begun here.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Inclos. Mr. Ashmun's letter - Plantation

El Paso, June 20, '98

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RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. July 2, 1898.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I will enclose a copy of the letter to the Mission accompanying yours, and will add that the rent was calculated at $62.50 a month, which was thought would yield about 7% per annum to the Society on the amount invested in the property; the American Board paid the half of that rental..

In regard to the condition of the property, it is kept up as well as I can economically do it, my accounts, as rendered to the Mission, showing that I paid out $67.35 in 1897 on repairs and taxes, and that for six months of this year I have paid $30.40. Shall I report this to the Education Society, or will this be sufficient?

I do not think that the Education Society should be allowed to entertain the idea that this school has not been a "profitable" investment; their own western agent, Mr. Herrick, now President of Washburn College, wrote me that this school was the one he "banked on" in raising funds, and Mr. Matthews, who raised the funds for the purchase of the property and erection of the buildings, said that he never had an object for which it was so easy to secure the funds. Those who have been here and seen the work, among whom are Dr. Webb, Dr. Hitchcock, Dr. Daniels, Dr. F.E.Clark, Dr. J.B.Clark, Mr. Bliss and Mr. Puddefoot, have expressed the opinion that the school is exceptionally

Practical and successful. Yours, A. C. Wright.

J. L. B.
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RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. July, 1, 1898.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 21st ult. is at hand. I will forward a copy to each station of the Mission, and report to you as soon as any action is taken in the matter. It would have fzcilitated action much if this subject could have come before the Mission at its Annual Meeting, and together with your letter I wish that we might have had your own opinion as to whether, in case we are to pay a rental for the property, we must provide entirely for it from the regular appropriation.

Personally, I should regret to see the school transferred from this place, for I have never been able to see any advantage to be gained by such removal which would not be overbalanced by losses here, and that has seemed to be the growing opinion of the others, but there is a great deal of vacilation as to the best policy to follow.

A transfer would involve considerable immediate outlay of money also, and I do not know how that could be secured. Would such expense also have to come from our regular appropriation?

All are well here, and the work progresses favorably.

With kindest regards to yourself,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

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El Paso, Texas, July 1 1898

Dear Brethren of the Mission:-

I have replied to Dr. Barton's letter, saying that I would send copies of the two to each of the mission stations, reporting in regard to the condition of the property of the Ed. Society, and giving the amount of rent paid by the American Board under the New West regime.

I have had no reason to change my own opinion in regard to the desirability of this location for the training school. I still consider it the best we could select, all things considered. I do not see that the new railroad from Chihuahua to the sierra region will cut us off from the rest of the mission in any sense, on the contrary, there are reasons to make us think that it will unite us still more. Very few who have been on the field and considered the matter have failed to say that this is a strategic point for just such an enterprise.

Still I am entirely willing to be directed by the opinion of the majority of the mission in regard to the best plan for the future.

In order to bring this matter definitely before the Mission, and facilitate action of some kind, I move;

That, as a Mission, we prefer to have the Training School permanently located at El Paso.

Replies, with as full discussion of the subject as is desired, may be sent to the President, who will decide as to the best way of continuing the discussion, if necessary.

Cordially yours,

A. C. Wright.

P.S. I meant to say that the expression "The school was deemed not on the whole very profitable" seems to me entirely unjust, as it has certainly been quite "profitable" in its chief object, the preparation of men for the Mexican ministry, and the Education Society should consider that the home land has had the use of seven men from this school as preachers to Mexican churches, a larger number than the Am. Board has had, and not one has been unfaithful. A.C.W.

El Paso, July 2, 98

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RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Tex. July 27, 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

On my return from Toluca and Guadalajara, as partly reported in the enclosed letter to the Mission, I find your favors of the 6, 7, and 21st, to which I will reply together.

I think that your suggestion that the station reports be signed by the one making them out, is a good one, and we will try to act upon it in the future. It is only fair to add, however, that we have no station in the mission where there is more than one male missionary, and that, with the exception of the school reports, it has been taken for granted, perhaps without sufficient reason for it, that the men should write the reports. I presume that you have had no trouble in determining by whom the several reports were really written in our mission.

The principle that "training schools should be centrally located-easy of access" is undoubtedly a true one, but you are aware that the geographical center in not always easy of access. Such a centre in our mission, for instance, would be in a state in which our mission has no work whatever. A glance at the railroads of Mexico on any map will convince you that El Paso is as near the center of our work along the lines of travel, as any point in which we have work established. The

new road from Chihuahua, which certainly cannot reach the west coast for several years, if it ever does, would not materially change the status in that respect.

You say "I have hoped that if the school could be centrally located there might be more students." This suggests several remarks. In the first place, our school is already providing men as fast as our present appropriation, and growth in the work will allow us to employ them in our work. If we had more, after preparing them for the work we should be obliged to tell them that we had no work for them. The school is essentially a training school for the ministry, and is limited to that by the limited teaching force. Then, this school will compare favorably in this point of number of students, with other schools of the same kind. We are, in fact, the largest, with one possible exception, of any now in Mexico, and I would suggest a comparison, even, as has been suggested to me, with the Pacific Theological Seminary, with its full number of professors, and handful of students. But again, the number of the students has been in direct proportion to the appropriation available. The last year that wehad the help of the Educational Society the number of boarding pupils was 18. The next, when cut down one-half, we had nine, which we have been able to raise to 12 by getting the students who could pay a part or all of their expenses, and hope to grow still more along that line. Still again, if an appropriation can be granted us which will allow us to increase our teaching force enough to accomplish it, we can establish a school for general instruction, receive all grades, and increase the number of students

very much indeed. Every year since I have been here I have had to turn away good pay pupils, from five to ten each year,(and many others could have been secured if desired,) simply because wehave not the teaching force to take up any more class work that we are carrying on at present. Indeed, no other denomination at work in the country expects one man to carry on all of the training work in instruction of candidates for the ministry, and full church work at the same time. In fact I may fairly say that I think that with a teaching force to carry on such a school, more pupils could be secured at this point than at any other principal one of our mission, in my opinion.

In conclusion, allow me to ask whether you mean that the rental for this property must, in any event, come from the lump sum appropriated to the mission already, so that we should be obliged to cut, in some other way, to pay it, or that the Board would, if requested to do so, increase our appropriation by an amount sufficient to pay the rental. If the former, then we are indeed, in a dilemma, for we have no place where we could cut, and the school would have to close; but that would not free us, for if we staid in this place to work, we should have to secure rent for dwelling, at least, and if transferred to some place in the interior, the cost of introduction and transfer of goods would be quite considerable, and we have no allowance for such change. Please write fully on this point.

Cordially yours,

A. R. Wright.

GL Parr, July 27. 1898

El Paso, Texas, July 27, 1898.

Dear Brethren of the Mission:-

I have just returned from Toluca, where I went as the delegate named by the Mission to attend the Convention of S.Ss. and C.E.Societies; and while there Mr. Howland persuaded to to extend the trip to Guadalajara, in order to thus carry out the plan recommended at our Annual Meeting, of having each station visited during the year by some member of the other stations.

I will, threrfore, report briefly my visit to that field, as it would be rather of an old story if left until our next Annual Meeting.

My visit was made just in the midst of the rainy season, when it is difficult to secure large attendance at any of the services, and I had a better opportunity to see the work just as it is because of the fact that my visit was not known before-hand and prepared for in any way.

I think that all have a pretty fair idea of the condition in Guadalajara, the good congregation, and growing membership, while the other denominations, I am sorry to say, do not seem to be making any progress. I was especially pleased to note the number of members who are capable of directing the services, teaching classes etc.

We went to San Miguel, but on account of the rain, could not get the people together for a large service, but saw most of them in their homes. This town of about 500 inhabitants, seems to have been quite thoroughly permeated with evangelical teachings, and has a good number of earnest Christians who have had to give proof of their sincerity by enduring persecution, and I see no reason why Mr. Howland's plan of organizing them into a church within a short time should not be a great advantage to them and to the vicinity. I should hope that the work might still go on, as it has so far, with the voluntary aid of occasional visits from brethren from the Guadalajara church, and from the missionaries, without stationing a preacher there,thus avoiding any expense to the mission.

At Tlajomulco we found the pastor, Miguel Magdaleno doing good work, with a congregation of 50 in average attendance, and an abundant field for work in the town and surrounding region. I see no reason why he should not be urged to visit regularly a town near there where there are a few believers, and which the Methodists have recently abandoned. I should have been glad to have visited other points where the work has been started, but the condition of the roads prevented it. To one accustomed to the immense desert regions of the northern part of Mexico, that thickly settled region seems to afford unlimited opportunity for work, but the short visit I made revealed to me some of the limitations of fanaticism, and I am convinced that the work is being carried on wisely, is growing constantly, and that we may surely expect great things in that beautiful state of Jalisco in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A.C.Wright.

El Paso, July 27, 1898

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RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas.

July 30, 1898.

DearzMr. Bissell:-

The Executive Committee, after considering the report given by el Sr. Ignacio López of his visit to Alamos, and in consideration of the fact that the M.E.South have not only withdrawn from the field, but have invited us to carry on the work begun by them there, feel that it may be best for us to try to occupy that point, connecting as it does our work in Sonora and Sinaloa, in both of which states we now have increased the working force; in view of this, we ~~would~~ request you to examine the field and consider the feasibility of locating your helper, Jesús Valencia, at that place, with the understanding that he may be called to help you in your large circuit at such times as it may seem best, retaining his residence and principal work at Alamos.

For the information of the other stations, to each of which a copy of this will be sent, in accordance with the directions of our amended Constitution, I will say that López foundthere a few members of the old M.E. church who have remained faithful, and a large number of "creyentes", with good prospect for rapid growth of the work. We understand that the expense of transportation from El Fuerte to Alamos is not great, so that Valencia could get back economically, or if he were supplied with a horze, with no expense to the Mission.

Cordially yours.
A. C. Wright.

El Paso, July 30, 1898

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RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. Sept. 5, 1898.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 23 ult. is at hand. Our school opened on the first, with ten boarders and two more expected this week. Of these only three are furnished everything, and five are full pay students; so that you see we are slowly working toward more aid in this matter.For the first three years we had none who paid a cent toward their expenses.

Our greatest need at present is a building large enough for our church services, but as that is on this side of the river, I am obliged to apply to the Church Building Society for aid, and I am now getting at the plans in order to know just how much we shall need.

I am also getting off the "copy" for the press, of my translation of Sell's "Bible Study by Books" which I have used inthe school here. It is being printed by the Presbyterians publishing house in Mexico City.

Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

El Paso 30 Year

El Paso, Texas. Sept. 5, 98

Dr. W. Wright

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico,

Via Nogales, Arizona. Nov. 15, 1898.

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Dear Dr. Barton, -

Some two months ago, I intimated in my letter to you of a trip I expected to take to places of much promise. Am glad to repot having taken it, and have reported it to the executive committee of our mission, and am soon expecting their recommendation as to what we can do for that field.

While absent, came the letter from Drs. Strong and Daniels requesting fresh material from the field. Our trip touches so many of the points presented by them, that I deem it better to give the whole narrative, and they select such portions as to them seem most satisfactory for the purpose desired.

After reading this, please hand it to Drs. Strong and Daniels, and if more particulars are desired, I shall gladly furnish them.

In parenthesis, let me say that Señor Villa, of the following described Cumpas work, was converted and educated under the Presbyterians of the Home Mission Field, and developed this work under his own auspices as a Presbyterian. The work, however, is in our territory and very inconvenient for them to continue it, and, through Dr. Eaton's correspondence with them, arrangements were made for us to continue it.

The twelfth of september, the faithful colporteur of the american Bible Society, Sr. Florentino Piña, and I, started on horseback over a mountainous road for Cumpas, Sonora, about one-hundred and fifty miles from this place. Cumpas is an increasing sub-tropical town of some four thousand inhabitants. The people are poor but progressive and rather liberal. Their main business is agriculture. The surrounding country is still somewhat an undeveloped region, but many flourishing mining towns furnish it a rich market. Within some fifty miles there is a population of about twenty five thousand. In all this region, there is as I was informed but one Roman catholic priest, and his life does not seem to have impressed his members very favorably.

Señor Alexandro Villa, whom the Lord has been using in the conversion of many souls, has been wonderfully led. Some six years ago, the Bible agent, Mr. Butchberg, passed through the region where Señor Villa lives, and was received into his home. A few days afterwards while Villa was celebrating a special saint's day, ~~The Most Holy Trinity,~~ he met with a serious accident. According to the custom here, he was firing off sky rockets and not understanding their nature, blew off his right hand, destroyed the sight of his right eye, and punctured the greater part of his body. As he lay bleeding and unconscious for nearly a week his recovery was not expected. But like Paul, God had yet to show him what great things he must do and suffer for His name's sake. And as soon as he was able, he was led to go to the United States in search of medical relief. Here again, the same Bible agent met him and introduced him to ~~Reverend Pritchard, of Bisby. The~~ a minister who took great interest in him, and had him go to school. While in one of the mission schools, he was converted, and consecrated himself to the Lord's work. Later, he was advanced to the Presbyterian institution of Del Norte, Colorado, where he received more definite instruction for evangelistic work. Funds were however lacking for him to contine his course, and the young man was then led to return to his home.

After five years study in the United States, great things were expected of him by his acquaintances. He did ever greater things than they expected, but not in the way they expected. Great indeed was the change in his life for he had come to live and preach the Gospl among them. He was the only protestant in town, but had previous to his return, sent tracts to some, and had induced his own brothers to give up their brewery.

Soon after he arranged for regular meetings. No doubt, curiosity ~~brought~~ brought many, but much of the seed fell into good ground. The people said - Why! how different he is! He does not attend our dances, and says that our idols and saints and even the virgin Mary can not save us.

Thus the word grew day by day. The duscussions with opponents were many, while persecutions wer not lacking. Finally the Roman Catholic priest and intriguers cast their plot with some success, and Señor Villa was marched to the county jail. So great was the joy of the romanists that their church bell was kept ringing for a great part of the night, and a drunken revelry indulged in. Yet none of these things moved him. He used hie opportuniity to preach to the pr isone ers. Like Paul he was given great freedom, and gained some fiftten believers amongst the prisoners and the people of the county seat. The congregation, trembling and sorrowful, did not cease to pray and hold their regular meetings. A good lawyer and secret believer, went of his own accord to the party making the charge, and there learned the innocency of Señor Villa who was at once given his freedom. On his way home the false report was circulated of his having been killed and great was the joy expressed by his enemies. When he returned, ~~many thought that evangelical christianity had seen its day in that town, but on the contrary~~ hundreds came to hear him.

Some eight months after the work had begun, Rev. Pritchard visited the congregation and baptized fifty persons including the children. All of these, with the exception of four or five, have remained faithful. ~~His visit was a great stimulant to the work. At the same time it proved to the people that there were other Protestans in the world besides themselves.~~

In our recent visit at Cumpas which is about 150 miles from Hermosillo the visit ~~we made~~, meetings were held for eight successive evenings with an average attendance of nearly two hundred persons. Often there were large crowds listening outside of the house. The attention was as good as could be expected anywhere in mission work. Some of the public officials and the prominent families of the town were present. The last Sunday morning, the attendance at Sunday school was over one-hundred. In the more private meetings, held during the day, the willingness expressed to do all that is possible for the cause in that district was quite remarkable for a people so new in the faith. In a short time, they raised almost enough money to buy a small organ for the congregation. After harvest is over, they expect to build a church to seat some four hundred people, doing the manual labor themselves. The children's meeting was a rousing one, and as there are nearly fifty of them of school age, and the public schools being poor, they desire a teacher, and are willing to pay the expenses. While there, I had the privilege of baptizing twenty seven adults and twenty one children. The adults had all given good proof for some time previous of their conversion. Some fifteen of them have passed the age of fifty, and nearly all are heads of families. Especially gratifying was it to receive the aged parents of Señor Villa, and an aunt over eighty years of age.

Remember that this work was begun under Señor Villa's own auspices but a year and eight months ago. Now there are nearly fifty church-members, ~~some forty baptized children, and nearly one -hundred other~~ persons who attend the meetings, and call themselves adherents. The work reminds me of a continuous revival with the absence of the emotion that so frequently attends such work.

(See later) Señor Villa is a fine gentlemanly appearing man of twenty eight years. He has shown good judgment, and great tact in the work. He presents the pure gospel in a thoughtful earnest way. Though branded as a Protestant he has gained great respect in the town.

From Cumpas, we went to Sahuaripa, one hundred and fifteen miles south, and some two hundred miles east of Hermosillo. In this district the Bible agents have sold many bibles, and the word has not returned void. In some ten towns, within a distance of forty miles from the county seat do we find believers. One of these is quite an intelligent indian of the Opoto tribe, now almost extinct.

In Sahuaripa the county seat, we had meetings for two successive nights and many were anxious that we prolong our visit. There were nearly two hundred at each service, including the mayor and many leading men of the town. These were the first evangelical meetings held in the town.

In another town of some twelve hundred people, there are many reading the bible. In fact, a few years ago, the people offered the beatiful large catholic church for the use of the protestants if they would take up the work there. We may not have lost any prestige to this day, but, time, yes, and with little encouragement from the Board to ocupy the field now.

In a small town, the bible agent found one year and a half ago, a few reading the bible. Philip-like he helped them understand what they read, and held meetings. He sold more bibles, so that within a short time, there were five families uniting for evangelical service They destroyed their idols, and saints, stopped drinking and gambling, and gave up the cultivation and use of tobacco. There is now a congregation of thirty five including the children, nineteen are candidates for church membership. When the teacher of the town first possessed a bible, he could not ease his conscience until he was rid of the priest forbidden book. Every sunday he would go four miles to early mass. Later he was again led to read the new testament, and thus prepared himself and family of eight to be amongst the first believers. Soon he changed the saint Francisco, an idol made of tin which he bought for silver, giving $20.00 for it, into a water bucket. Having learned the way of salvation from the Master, his services as schoolteacher were no more desired. But that did not effect his faith. He now tries to support his family on the product of a half a bushel of corn which he sows on his rented lot. Being thoroughly in earnest and the most capable, the people generally have him lead the meetings. Through the energy of this congregation we were able to hold the successful meetings in Sahuaripa, and found general inquiry into evangelical truth in many towns. The priest has under his care some fifteen thousand people and eighteen churches, Yet he finds these children in the faith with the bible in hand too much for a public duscussion.

In a letter received from Senor Villa while writing this, I translate the following.-"I let you know that here the persecutions have not ceased. The past sunday we had a congregation of more than five hundred persons and all the brethren took part. My subject was Joshua 24:15. The lawyer helped us. The next day the people raised the cry that we had bought the lawyer. Two protestant children died without baptism and it has caused great compassion in the roman catholic church. Various romanists have called me to bury children and adults asking me how much I would charge for the work, and I have them understand that it is free, and many are seeing the fruits and are judging it. Twenty families opposing us claimed that it was not permitted that the protestants be buried in the roman cemetary. The protetant children that were buried without baptism, they wish to dig out and bury them in unconsecrated ground, and before doing it they noise it about. I have given all my energy to the work, and visited all the points, and they give much promise."

Let me say in explanation that in this country it is a common saying that the protestants buy their converts. The lawyer referred to, is one of the most prominent men in the town, and the one also referred to in the first part of my letter. As to the cemetary, it belongs to the government, and is not roman catholic property.

Hoping that you will ever remember our work in your prayers, I remain very sincerely yours,

Horace T. Wagner.

P.S. As to Drs. Strong and Daniels' request of us sending a list of the churches where we are best acquainted, let me say that I was raised and educated in the German Reformed church, took the theological course in the Presbyterian (Union) seminary, New York City, and after my appointment by the American Board, tranferred my membership to the Central Congregational church, Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. Chas. Richards, pastor, 18th and Green Strs. I am very little acquainted there but less so in any other congreg. church. H. T. W.

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RIO GRANDE
CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
501 N. Santa Fe St.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Tex. Oct. 13, 1898.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of Sept. 21st was duly received and the contents reported to the various mission stations. We were greatly relieved to hear of the action of the Education Society, and to know that the school may go on, at least for the present school year, without fear of being closed for lack of money to pay the rental.

You may readily understand that there has been a continual nervous strain upon us who are most intimately connected with the institution, ever since the withdrawal of that Society, on account of the unsettled state of affairs, and the consequent uncertainty ~~of~~ for the future. We have hardly been able to plan at all, but simply ~~to~~ have gone ahead one day at a time, trusting that all would be satisfactorily arranged a at last.

But the fact that so many of our "boys" are doing good service in different fields makes us believe that the work has not been in vain, and we are willing to go on as the way shall open to us. Of sixteen men who have left here to enter the ministry, thirteen are now employed in that work in the U. S. and Mexico, and one has died. Some are doing exceptionally good work, and none have been unfaithful.

I was greatly pleased to learn that you think of presenting the subject of the purchase of this property before the Prudential Commit-

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tee this year, but when you ask me to write on the subject I will confess that I hesitate for fear that the other brethren of the mission may not be fully of the same opinion. In fact I am not at all sure that the mission is yet fully persuaded that this would be the wisest plan.

In this connedtion allow me to present another subject which I have been intending to write to you about for some time. Our next Annual Meeting will be held in this place , near the first of April. Will it not be possible for you to attend it, visiting other stations either before or after, as you could best arrange? This would be in line with the recent expressions of opinion in the Annual Meetings of the Board, and especially would give you an opportunity to consider the question of the location of the Training School permanently, and hear fully the different opinions in regard to it.

I will say, however, that no argument in favor of its location has been lessened at all yet. The city has increased in population over 3000 in two years, and is undoubtedly to be the leading frontier city for all of this section of country. It will have no " collapse". Six railroads have their termini here and it will be the distributing point for the Mexican laborers for all these roads.

Today a real estate agent called to say that he had heard that this property might be for sale and had had inquiries from one who wished to buy. He considers it good property and wanted to know about

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it. The M.E. South are considering the subject of astablishing here a college. The M.E. have just finished a $2000 church for their Mexican congregation (which is hardly a third the size of ours) and have sent a teacher to open a day school for the Mexican children. Besides the public school especially for Mexican children with over 200 enrolled, and the Catholic school with many more, and the various private schools of evangelical denominations, there are probably over 500 Mexican children of school age in the city not in school. We can do nothing for them, however, without a considerable increase of workers and expense.

I enclose a copy of a letter sent to some friends in regard to our need of a church here. I suppose that our application for aid made to the Church Building Society will be in their hands about this time, and if you could send them anything in regrd to it that would help in deciding to grant the aid, I would be very glad.

The translation of Sell's work in not printed yet, but I will be glad to send you a copy when it is issued.

Mrs. Wright joins me in kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Oct. 13, '98
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# R E A S O N S

for asking aid for the erection of a Church Building

for the Mexican Congregational Church
in
EL PASO TEXAS.

We have an exceedingly interesting, growing and successful work among the poor Mexican laborers of this city, but is a distinctively mission work. The pastoral direction and pulpit supply has been furnished gratuitously by the American Board, whose missionary in charge of the Congregational Training School has gladly volunteered his services in this way for six years; but the Home Missionary Society has also aided by supporting a student to supply for a part of each year. Still it is a church on United States soil, for which our national societies must be responsible.

A former building was destroyed over a year ago, by the unprecedented rise of the Rio Grande, leaving over 2000 people, chiefly Mexicans, houseless in this city; but thatpart is now well protected by a new dike and a railroad , and the foundations of the new building are planned to be so high and solid that no damage would be suffered even in case of another such inundation.

We are worshipping at present in a small building, put up very rudely from what could be saved from the material of the former one, in which not over fifty persons can be comfortably seated, but into which more than eighty try to crowd each week, and many stand outside who would enter if they could.

We have $100 on hand, and will secure $100 more in cash as soon as the building is begun, but this is really all that we can do, and is a great deal, considering the circumstances in which the members live. Little barrels have been distributed, and are collected and opened every two months; a collection is taken each week at the women's meeting, and dedicated to this object, and all are helping to the utmost of their ability.

A plan of the building is appended which will show that we wish to make room for a congregation of 275 on especial occasions, and to have a room for our infant class which already has from 30 to 40 members, and opening into the main room when so needed. We have tried to make this just as low-priced as neatness and durability will admit, and think that we have succeeded in getting a plan of a very convenient building at a low cost. The contractor who has figured on this plan, a reliable man, and a member of thw city council, offers to put it up for $1,589, but we need another lot by the side of the one now owned, and that is offered for $200. The reason why we need more land than before is that the lots are only 26 feet wide, and while we did put a building that would hold from 100 to 125 on one lot, we cannot plan one for our increased congregation, for we must often seat over 200.

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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Tex. Nov. 27, 1898

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 17th was duly received and the information in regard to the appropriation was forwarded to the various stations.

I enclose some rough plans of the property and buildings to show the location and size, but if you need something more exact, please let me know and I will try to prepare it drawn to scale.

The basement story of the school building is unfinished, that is the walls are not plastered. The cottage has been badly damaged by the settling of the foundations, cracking the walls and disfiguring the plaster, but it has been bound with iron rods so that it is considered entirely safe. The foundations of the school building have also settled a little, but the cracks caused have not greatly disfigured the building. This settling of the foundations on this soil has been an experience of a large part of the buildings, to be avoided only by putting in foundations of cement.

I believe that I reported to you that there is a real estate agent here who has a prospective buyer for the property and is in correspondence with the Ed. Soc., but I do not know that any offer on either side has been made yet.

Sincerely yours, A. C. Wright

El Paso, Nov. 2, 1918

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El Paso, Texas, Dec. 18, 1898.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Our school is getting along very well this year. We have just received two new students from California, the result of Mr. Case's work there, who seem to be promising young men. In a letter from Domingo Mata, one of my former pupils here, now working with Mr. Case in California, one of these young men was introduced to me as my "grandson", for he is Domingo's "son in the Gospel", as Domingo always claims to be mine. This brings our number up to 16, only two less than the highest number we have had, when the Ed. Soc. was furnishing a teacher, and we had an instructor in the carpenter shop besides. With just one-half the appropriation we are now doing almost the same amount of work.

I do not think, however, that it ought to be allowed to go on without an increase of the teaching force.

In regard to the purchase of the property, I have been thinking to ask you if it would not be better to have the question of the purchase of this property, if the means are available for that purpose, presented directly to the Mission for the expression of its opinion. Would it be practicable for the question to be put in some such shape as this? If means are available for the purchase of the El Paso property, would

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the Mission prefer to have that property purchased, or to place the same amount at some interior point in property for the same purpose?

You already know that my opinion is that this is the place for the school, but I do not wish anyone of the Mission to think that I am representing my own opnion as that of the whole Mission in this matter.

We have been having snow and unprecedented cold here, which causes much suffering among the poorly clad and housed Mexican population of the city. Our family is quite well, and joins me in kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Dec. 16, 98

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RIO GRANDE
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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. Dec. 26, 1898.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Mr. Eaton, who was here last week, said tht you had intimated to him that it would be impossible to attend our Annual Meeting on account of an engagement to lecture at some Theological Seminary at about the same date, and I am writing to know if we could not postpone our meeting enough to give you time to come after delivering the lectures. In case we could so arrange, is it probable that you could come? If so, I would be glad to know the exact date you would be at liberty, in order to write to the various stations as soon as possible in regard to the matter.

Will you kindly see that a dozen of the statistical blanks are sent me as soon as convenient? I find that there are none at the stations for making the report which should soon be sent me.

We are all well, and the work is progressing well. Yesterday we had the dedication service of a small chapel on the other side of the river (in Ciudad Juárez), a room given to the church almost entirely by one man, and as it is situated in a part of the city where we have not done much work yet, we are hoping that it will be the beginning of a renewal of interest in that most difficult field.

With the earnest desire for a "Happy New Year" to you,
Sincerely Yours A. C. Wright.

El Paso Tex. Dec. 26 '98

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Rev. A. C. Wright,
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Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:

Your favors of Dec. 16 & Jan 6 are at hand.

I write immediately to say that if you could plan to come so as to be here the last week of April, or even the first of May if necessary, I am sure that the Mission would gladly defer the meeting until that time. It would suit some members much better so, and I know of no objection to such change.

There is no point where the meeting could be held from which you could more conven-

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iently visit any or all of the other stations, as you must necessarily pass through this place to reach the others.

I would suggest that, if you decide that it will be possible to visit us at this time, as soon as the decision is definitely made, you telegraph me to that effect, in order that I may notify the members of the Mission, and more especially Mr. Bissell, as he has so far to come, and by such a varied route that he needs to know as early as possible, the date of the meeting. I am writing to him tonight in response to his inquiry, to say that we cannot fix the date definitely until we hear from you and me.

I am glad to know that you

have suggested the subject of the property for the Training School to Mr. Howland in the form you mention.

Our young men have not volunteered for work in Porto Rico and Cuba yet, chiefly, I presume, because there is so vast and ready a field in our own vicinity, and because we have had no intimation that our denomination had aroused to the need, or would be able to support any such extension of its work. They are also very young and inexperienced for undertaking a work of such proportions and importance.

I am quite sure, however, that there would not lack volunteers to go as helpers with any

competent missionary who should be sent, and that there are some who would be very efficient workers in that way.

In regard to the foundations of the buildings, the cottage may be destroyed, or severely injured by a little more settling at any time but no one can predict when that will happen, and the buildings when I have consulted inclined to the opinion that it will not settle much more. There is small danger to the school building.

As to an increase in the teaching force here, I will say that while I long for another missionary family I think that a native of the right spirit and qualifications could do the work. I know of any one

who could be considered
t all, one of our first graduates,
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. the school, and I am not
ure that he could be spared
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e is doing so well, that from
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o to Sonora.

Accept our sincere thanks
or the beautiful thought of the
New Year's card sent by Mrs.
Barton and yourself. It is
help to us in our work.

The statistical blanks have
een received.

With kind regards.

Yours truly
A. P. Wright.

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RIO GRANDE
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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. Feb. 3, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of Jan. 23, and the telegram were duly received. I am very sorry indeed that you cannot visit us at this time but hope that it will be possible for you to do so at some other date not very far removed.

I am sure that you will be pleased to learn that the Church Building Soc. has promised us the aid necessary to insure the rebuilding of our church, and that we are working hard here to put it up as soon as possible.

I would much rather be excused from giving a personal opinion in regard to the value of this property for obvious reasons. It is evident that if it were to be sold on a forced sale, it would not be possible to obtain its fair value, for the buildings are not such as would be needed for common purposes. The damage which may come from further settling of the foundations no one can foretell. Some buildings in this vicinity have had to be rebuilt even two or three times, in part, and are still cracking, but I do not anticipate any serious dificulty, and at the same time I ~~must~~ will say that such a condition must affect the selling value of the property seriously. The property is exempt from taxation, but one year the dwelling and lots were assessed at $2720.00

Yours truly, A. C. Wright.

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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas. Feb. 17, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 6th is at hand, and I shall be glad to meet Mr. Cobb when he arrives here. Does he go with an excursion party, or is he alone with his family? Do you know how lang he will probably expect to be in El Paso? I ask these question only in order to know how to plan so as to allow him to see the most of the work here.

We have, at last, begun work on the new building for our church, and ar expecting to have it finished before the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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# CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL

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A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR

EL PASO, TEX. March 21, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I send herewith copies of the statistical reports for our Mission from April to Dec. of 1898, which are made out thus in order to make our year agree with the others and the calendar year. While statistics do not always give a true idea of the state of affairs, stil a comparison with the report of last year shows a favorable condition. In these nine months we have received more members than in the twelve preceding, and have given more money also. The written reports to be presented at the Annual Meeting will supplement this and give a more correct idea of the whole.

I am sorry to say tat while this has been one of the best years that we have ever had in the school in many respects, having secured almost as many students as when we were receiving twice the money for the support of the school, and all but three doing something toward paying for their expenses, we have just met with a difficulty that threatens the existence of the institution, or at least, my connection with it. One of my principles has always been to have things so arranged that the students could help pay for their expenses by their work in some way. This was easy to do when we were supplied with a helper who

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could take charge of a manual training department, and the students did a great deal of carpenter work as well as all of the work of their rooms and the care of the building and yards. While I have frequently been told that the Mexican idea of propriety would prohibit young men studying for the ministry to engage in such occupations, I had no serious difficulty, nor should I have had, I firmly believe, but for the fact that as the teaching force has been reduced, and my time so fully occupied with school work and church work, I could not sufficiently oversee the students in this particular line. The result has been that the work has gradually been taking the direction of more time in the kitchen, and our matron, a Mexican woman, has gradually increased the time of the boys in that part, and, owing partly to her ill health and partly to her disposition, has continually found fault with them and irritated them until, before I was aware of the feeling existing they have formally rebelled. The matter came to a crisis through a respectful petition that I relieve them of all work in the kitchen ~~or~~ and out of doors, limiting the work to the care of the building, their rooms and the printing,(which I can do but little of, as I am not a printer.)

I showed them that by doing that work they were helping to pay their expenses in the school, but they are firm, and prefer to leave rather than continue as before. I have arranged to grant them all that they have asked to finish the present year, so as not to break up the school in the midst of the year, but I certainly am not willing to admit the principle of helping those who ~~are~~ will not reduce the expenses of the school by any work which they may do.

I am the more sorry of this result because I really believe that the students have been forced to this extreme by certain circumstances which do give them a fair reason for their greivance, and I am sure that they are sincere in their desires to go on with their studies, and, most of them, to prepare for the ministry, but they are now chiefly stirred up by what they think is a radical difference between the genius of the Americans and the Mexicans. Such work as they have been doing they regard as unfitting them in the eyes of their own people for the work which they hope to do in the future, and it is true that most Mexicans would regard it so, but they could teach them differently if we could only get hold of them in the right way, and keep in closest sympathy with them. I think that we could have done it here if I could have had a competent helper in the line of manual work, and had been able to secure a matron who would not have irritated them with her continual fault-finding.

Still I do not see any immediate way of continuing the school without giving up this principle of aiding in any possible way when receiving so much, and I do not think it wise to give up the principle.

Moreover, we are fairly well provided with native helpers now, through the work of the school, to last for several years, and if the more advanced here were to go out now, if thought best, I could, in connection with other work, direct them and others in a correspondence school which ought to continue their education satisfactorily.

I have not written of this condition of things to any of the

Mission yet, on account of the near approach of the Annual Meeting, when the whole matter will have to be considered, but I thought that you ought to know about it, and with this explanation would be better able to understand any action which may be taken at the Annual Meeting.

The whole matter has come up during the last week, and you may perhaps imagine that it deeply affects me, and that I shrink from presenting it to anybody, for the school has come to be so much a part of me that every thing that affects it touches me personally, but of course it must be considered by all, and I am in especial need of the help of others at this time.

I have not ceased to believe that our Heavenly Father is working in all this for the very best, but I can only trust in the dark as yet.

Sincerely yours,

A. R. Wright

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Sincerely yours,

C. P. Scott

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EL PASO TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. April 4, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favors of the 28th and 29th ult. are at hand.

I did not understand that the Mission endorsed Mr. Bissell's "indefinite" application in regard to the expenses, but only the request for leave of absence, and one member suggested that the other part was too indefinite for us to take action upon, and another, that he make an estimate of the amount needed and present it at the Annual Meeting when it could be considered. I will, however, report your action to the Mission at the Meeting, April 20th, for that is the date now agreed upon for the opening.

The school is going along very smoothly at present. The students protest that they are willing to work, but object to kitchen and some other kinds of work, claiming that it degrades them in the opinion of their own people. But there is no reference to the subject now, nor will there be, I presume, until the whole matter is presented to the Mission. I depend much upon the advice of our brethren in the work.

I also noticed the statement of Mr. Case in regard to the reception of students from California at less than cost, and I regretted

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it as liable to be misunderstood, and I do not think that Mr. Case referred to anything I had said in making that statement. Those students pay $8 American money a month, which we calculate to be about $2 more than the actual cost of their board, and it is considerably less than the actual cost if all expenses of instruction, our salary etc. are included, but it does not cost us any more to receive them into the school than we should have to pay on those accounts without them. In fact that amount helps a little toward the expenses of some of the rest.

We are now in our new building, and it is a great help to our work. We expect to dedicate it during the Annual Meeting.

I presume that you have received the statistical reports ere this. There is lack of uniformity in understanding how to make them out, but we hope to arrive at a better idea on the subject during our meeting this spring.

We shall not forget to pray continually for the dear old American Board.

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EL PASO TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. April 10, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I have word from Dr. Eaton just received, in regard to the grant for Mr. Bissell's expenses, as follows:-

"I suggested in connection with my vote, that he name a definite sum to be asked for, as otherwise the Board might hesitate to grant his petition. ---Within my recollection, no member of the mission has ever had traveling expenses reimbursed in full, while receiving the regular salary during the vacation. As a rule, the missionary on such distant vacation has paid all of his or her expenses."

We would be glad to have a line from you on this subject to be read at our Annual Meeting, as I apprehend that the brethren will not favor the establishing of such a precedent.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

El Paso, Apr. 10, '99

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EL PASO TEXAS.
A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. April 28, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Our Annual Meeting is over, and as I am still the secretary of the Mission, it devolves upon me to send to you the report.

I shall be unable to make this out in full just at present, on account of my school and church duties, but will do so at the earliest date possible. I will simply say, however, that we have had a very harmonious meeting, that the reports show good progress in most of the fields, and especial growth in two points (Cumpas in Sonora, and El Valle de S.B. in this station) and that the prospect is of continued blessings for the coming year.

In regard to the school property here, it was unanimously voted (a great surprise to some of us) to request the Board to purchase it from the Education Society if possible, the opinion predominating that this is decidedly the best place for the school. It was also agreed that the school cannot continue longer without an increase in the teaching force, and the Board was requested to grant us another missionary to be located here to begin work in September, or in case this should be impossible, we be granted $600 gold a year with which I be

authorized to secure an assistant provisionally.

I have reported these points as being the more important ones; and ones which call for action from the Board, and not because they interest us personally at this station.

With the special stress of these last few weeks I have come to realize that it is not wise for me to try to continue as during the last few years, since the withdrawal of the Education Society. It was fully understodd at the time, that I was requested to carry on the school on the reduced appropriation and consequent reduction of the teaching force, only temporarily, and unless the Board can grant us the relief asked for now, I do not see any course except to close the school.

The dedication of our new church building was a most pleasant part of the program during the Annual Meeting. It is very tasty, and delights all who see it, and was filled to overflowing during the dedication service, which was most solemn and impressive. Our church people are rejoicing in the new opportunities for christian work which it affords them.

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El Paso, Apr. 28, 1897

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CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL
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EL PASO TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. May 15, 1899.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of the 5th is at hand. I do not see that it will be possible for me to make the copy of the minutes before the end of this month, when the school closes, for my head has been feeling quite badly, and any more work than the regular routine seems to be impossible at present. I am trying to hold outfor the rest of the month and I expect to do so, but a change in the kind of work will be very necessary then.

The question of the price to be paid for this property did not come up other than in the general idea suggested by your question asking if in case three or four thousand dollars could be secured for the purpose, whether the mission would prefer to buy the property in El Paso, or place the same sum in property for the school in some other point. Nor was that letter read in the meeting, but I think that all had it in mind when discussing the question.

The Building Committee, Messrs Howland and Eaton, should be able to give some opinion on the subject however.

The estimate for the salary of an assistant was not directed to

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be included in the regular estimates because our first request was for the appointment of another missionary to be located here, in which case the assistant would not be expected. There will be no difficulty in having it so included, however, as our Executive Com. has authority to do so, but the further question arises as to the time. The request was that the missionary or assistant be here to begin work the first of September of this year, while the estimates will be for next year. We need to hear from the Board before we can act definitely. It was also fully understood that in case this help could not be granted the school could not be opened for another year, as I am unable to carry it on longer on the present basis. It leaves me each year perilously near a nervous breakdown. In case no help come I should plan to simply carry on a correspondence school with the students, at the same time being in charge of their work in different fields and in general missionary work.

In this connection I will say that Secretary C.O.Day, of the Education Society, was here for about an hour last week, and he gave us the impression that the Ed. Soc. might consider favorably the taking up of this work again if invited to do so and if they might hope to prepare teachers for their New Mexico schools here. I would suggest that you inquire into the possibility of such an arrangement.

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to be present at
our sessions on account of her health, and to ascertain her thought in regard to continuance in mission work."

"Moved to endorse Miss Miller's application to the Board for Leave of absence on account of ill health, for an indefinite length of time, and recommend that the Board meet her traveling expenses to her home in British Honduras."

It had been expected that she would definitely resign her work, but as she did not do so, this was all that we were called on to do. I will say frankly that the Bissells have no idea that she will ever be able to take up such work in the "hot country" and that they would much prefer that she do not return to work in their field. You will understand that this is private, and not intended to be repeated, but is simply in order that you personally may understand the situation fully. It is supposed by the mission that she will not be returned to the field without full notice to the mission and an understanding as to where she is to go. There is no reflection intended upon her character as a Christian and desire to work, but only a doubt as to her availability for work on account of health and disposition, in this field.

The school has no encyclopedia, and would greatly appreciate one.

Sincerely yours, A. R. Wright

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The school has no anxietopedia, and would greatly appreciate one.

Sincerely Yours,

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501 N. Santa Fe St.,
EL PASO TEXAS.
A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. June 3, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I have just mailed to you the copy of the minutes of our Annual Meeting, and have sent by express, the reports from the Stations.

You will notice that on pages 3, , 9 and 11 I have marked with red ink action taken which calls for some response from the Board.

It is quite necessary that I be informed as soon as the Board can decide in regard to the increase of teaching force here, for I am already receiving many inquiries in regard to entrance for next year in the school to which I can reply nothing, and if it shall devolve upon me to look for an assistant to begin work in September, I need to know it very soon. I see no hope whatever of going on with the work without the assistance indicated, and it will be extremely hard to do so unless one can be sent who will expect to be permanently in the work.

Allow me to ask, in this connection, what your opinion of the feasibility and advisability is of a school supported jointly by the American Board, the Home Miss'y Soc., and the American Miss'y Soc. for

the education of youths from Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico as preachers and teachers, to work in their respective fields on finishing their courses of study? With the opening of work by these two societies in those islands, and the great need of workers which they will very soon meet, and the advantage which they would have in employing those from the same country in which they are working, I have thought that the three societies might easily find it economical and advantageous to establish such an institution, and that it might be an attractive object to secure money for. If it could be so endowed as to free the societies largely from an annual expenditure, it would be a great relief to all.

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With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

C. C. Wright

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With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Ed Pierce, Pueblo, June 30 1919

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A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. June 27, 1899.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Doctor Barton:-

Your favors of the 7th and 14th were awaiting me on my return from the El Valle de San Buenaventura trip.

That trip was a pleasant and successful one. I took one of the students with me to the end of the railroad at Casas Grandes, where we were met by a brother from the Sahuaripa region in Sonora, who was to take the student with him on his return, eight days' ride over the mountains, to a section never visited by a preacher before, but where there are several groups of believers who have received the truth from our faithful Bible seller, Florentino Piña.

From Casas Grandes I went by stage, with our youngest boy, fifty miles to El V. de S. B., where I held a series of meetings for over a week, received eight to church membership and took the names of four others to be received later, baptized several children and performed the marriage ceremony for our native helper at that point, who is just going to another field, Dolores, in the Sierra Madre, west of Parral. Returneing to Casas Grandes, I had the privilege of holding the first Christ an service ever celebrated in the new town of Casas Grandes, and

of preaching in English, - a thing that I have done so little of that it seems decidedly strange. The dining-room of the hotel was cleared, and the room packed to overflowing, while a crowd of those who could not get in stood at the windows. There are several who desire a church organization there, and it is quite probable that I shall be able to do something to help them if my work is so arranged for another year, as I hope that it will be, that I may be free to make more frequent visits to our church in El Valle de S.B.

In regard to the estimate of the value of this property, Its cost was something over $1600 for the lots, $6600 for the school building, and $175 for the cottage, if I mistake not. There may have been some extras not mentioned, but I think that those are the amounts that I disbursed for the New West Society.

While it is true that lately there have been several buildings erected in this vicinity, and the city has more than doubled its size since the erection of the buildings in 1892, the fact is that the price of lots in this immediate part of the city is not any higher than then, on account of the proximity of the hills, and the necessity of considerable grading of streets and lots. One other site immediately across the street from this, on which we figured then, can be bought for the same, or even less than it was offered for then. Still this is a most desirable location for the school.

The natural deterioration of the buildings under ordinary circumstances should be reckoned at about 2% per annum, I suppose, as informed by a reliable real estate agent here; but we must take into consider-

ation the fact that the nature of this soil was not fully understood by the architects and builders at that time, and the foundations were placed upon a layer of clay, through which they should have dug to the sand, and the consequence is that the cottage has been continually cracking, and in spite of iron rods and everything which we could do to secure it, it still settles, making continuous repairs necessary, and there is no possiblity of avoiding this except by tearing down and putting new foundations. The school building has suffered much less, but has settled some, and is cracked in a few placed. It affects the looks but does not make the building unsafe. What the future will develop in that line no one can foretell.

My opinion is that the Society could not obtain $5000 for the whole property if obliged to sell within three months, for example, but I think the property is well worth $6000 for our use if the school is to be continued here. This, however, is simply a personal opinion, and I have hesitated much to express such an opinion.

In regard to the union with the other Societies, I think that it would be much better for you to introduce the subject to the respective secretaries, and you may refer them to me for information in regard to this work if you think best.

Would it be a fair interpretation of that is required in the last column of the statistical report, to say that by simply deducting the missionaries' salaries from the amount appropriated by the Board to each station the remainder would be the amount given by the Board for the support of churches and schools? In one sense it is all, salaries

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There has been no uniformity whatever in our mission in reporting for this column.

I am hoping to take the family to Parral within a week or so, and we shall plan to camp out a while with Mr. and Mrs. Olds, but I shall also go around with Mr. Olds to visit his field and report to the mission.

I trust that I shall be informed as soon as there is any decision in regard to help for the coming year. I should greatly regret the closing of the school, but I am simply unable to continue it as before, and without help it would either have to be reduced to the four or five strictly theological students, or closed entirely, and the work be done by correspondence.

Cordially yours,

P.S. You ask, "What harm would come from closing for a year?" My experience of several of the other denominations has been that when they have closed for one year it has been several before they could open again, and they are still closed. The Mission fear very much such a step.

Please inquire of the Ed. Soc. in regard to the insurance on these buildings. It ought not to be overlooked.

Yours. A. C. Wright.

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Parral, Mexico. July 11, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

Your recent letter, in which you refer to the expense of the visits to the various stations, is at hand and has been sent around. You also say that Dr. Day has word from an agent in El Paso expressing the opinion that the property there would bring $8,000 or $9,000. I feel confident that no agent has examined the buildings, or is acquainted with their conditions, and the settling of the foundations.

We have just arrived here and find the change to cooler air very agreable.

Sincerely your A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Texas

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Parral, Mexico. July 14, 1899.

Rev. J.L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

It is very possible that you have a letter on the road to me which will answer this, at least I hope that you have.

It is quite necessary that I know the decision of the Board in regard to our request for an increase of the teaching force in the Training School, for, in order to open the first of September I must send word to the various students, who are much scattered, by the first of August. I have had several applications from new ones, but I have had to reply to all that I could not promise to receive them yet, for the plans for the next year are entirely unmade as yet.

Moreover, in addition to the uncertainty as to a helper from the U.S., my former Mexican assistant has resigned, and I am hindered from making any efforts to secure another until I shall know definitely whether there will be any school or not.

In view of all this, I have decided that if no word comes to assure me that the new man can be appointed to begin work on Sept. first, or soon after, I shall notify the students that school cannot begin at the usual time, and that they may await further notice before starting back to the school. But I shall hope to hear something definite before that time.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

Parral, July 14, 1899.

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El Parral, Chihuahua
Mexico, July 26, 1899

W. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Doctor Barton:

Your favor of the 9th, and the telegram are just received, and I have wired you to be on the look out for a suitable person for the place, but to make no definite agreement until writing me. I have done this because I have had a little correspondence with Mrs. Wright's brother, Mr. C. B. Fields, graduated from Hartford Theol. Sem. this year, but there is no certainty about his coming yet, first because I could make no definite proposition, and second, because he is in need

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of some time of rest, and could not say that he would be ready for work by September first. There would be other questions to be considered also.

The first requisite for the position is complete consecration, and then teaching ability, firmness in carrying out one's plans, but such affability as to win the sympathy and love of this very impressionable but voluble people.

I infer from the telegram that the one to be secured now will not be regularly appointed as a missionary but simply employed provisionally. Still I hope that it may be with the reasonable hope of his being regularly appointed later, for it is certain that the helpfulness of such a teacher will be comparatively small until he shall have mastered the Spanish language.



I shall probably be here for two weeks more, so that an answer written soon after receiving this would better be directed to this place.

Our little Delight, of 18 months, has been seriously ill with cholera infantum since we have been here, but is somewhat better now, and if we can find any nourishment which she can take, will probably recover now.

Very truly yours,

A. R. Wright.

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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. Aug. 9, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of July 26th was received just as we were leaving Parral to return to this place. Our little baby Delight, who had been very seriously ill there, while much better, needed more careful attention and regular habits than we could give her in our out- of- town retreat there, and the town Parral is very unhealthy at this time of the year, so we decided to bring her back as quickly as possible. She is better now, but it will take her a long time to regain her strength.

Since writing to you I have learned that Mr. Olds cannot come now to help us, but I have heard from Mr. Birlew that he will consider the place. He is a young man whom we received the year the school was opened in part as student, and also as director in the carpenter shop and printing office of the work of the other students. After three years with us, he left for Oberlin Theol. Sem. (He has not had a College course), and after a couple of years at that place, returned to work among the Mexicans in New Mex., being employed by the Home Miss. Society. He has a good knowledge of the Spanish language, and on that account, and because of his practical experience in printing, he would

be more helpful to us than one who might be much better prepared by a more thorough education.

He is married, however, his wife being the former Miss Stahl, a graduate of Oberlin, and for four years our assistant in this school sent by the New West Ed. Soc., who also has the language, and is well prepared to help in every way, and they have one small child. The trouble will be to provide a salary sufficient to support them both, as the grant of $600 was intended to supply a single man. I am writing to him today, however, to see if we can, by giving to Mrs. Birlew the place of matron, make up enough to secure them, but I shall not arrange definitely until hearing from you. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any more promising candidates, and if you ~~see~~ favor the employment of these in case I can make satisfactory terms, please wire me to that effect, as the time is very short for all that I have to do.

I hope that the matter of the property here will be settled soon. Dr. Eaton, as I learned in a short conversation with him at the station at Chihuahua on our way home, is still of the opinion that the school would much better be transferred to some point in the interior of the country, but the rest of the mission have expressed the opinion that this is the place.

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Sincerely yours.

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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. Aug. 11, 1899.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of the 2nd is just received.

As I have already written you, Mr. Olds is now out of the question on account of his health. We were led to think especially of him as a candidate on account of a letter from him of last winter, in which he said that he had had a conference with one of the Secretaries of the Board in regard to going to the foreign field, and that he mentioned Japan as a n attractive field, as he is engaged to Miss Davis, a daughter of Rev. J.D. Davis. He was then told that it was not probable that he could be sent there at present that time, and it was suggested that he consider Mexico.

I recognize the difficulty that might arise as you suggest, and am convinced that it is better that he be not sent here now.

The one who should come here would be largely engaged in teaching elementary branches at first, and in the oversight of the buildings and students. It would be especially advantageous if he could teach music also. As he acquired the language the nature of his work would be changed. I agree with you that he should have a theological course.

Our work continues to improve - Yours truly - A. C. Wright

Rev. C. W. Vaughn,
El Paso, Aug. 11, 99

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CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL
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A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. Aug. 16, 1899.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 11th is at hand.

Since the Bissells have definitely advised that the school work at Fuerte be abandoned, and they intend to leave within a year or so, the question of Miss Miller's return is one as to whether she is needed in any other part of the field. My own impression has been that she would be a very hard person with whom to work, for a great many reasons, but I have not known her at all except for the few days that she was here during our last Annual Meeting.

I will send your letter to the various stations, and will report to you the result as soon as ascertained.

Your letter contained the first that I have seen in regard to the death of Dr. Lamson. It had seemed that the Board had secured an especially good man for president, and the loss will be felt keenly.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

Dr. Barton - - 2.

Later:-

I have just received word from Mr. Birlew, of whom I wrote to you a few days ago, saying that on account of an operation which he will have to take, he will be unable to come here at present, but that if the position is open later, he may consider it, or rather, he would be glad to accept it.

This is the last that I have in view for the place, and I would be glad to have you try to secure a suitable person and let me know as soon as one is found. In the mean time I shall have to notify all the students that the school cannot open until the first of October or until further notice.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wilder

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 16, 1899.

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# CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL

501 N. Santa Fe St.,
EL PASO TEXAS.

A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. Aug. 26, 1899.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.,
Boston,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of the 20th is before me. All that you say about Mr. Stutson indicates very good preparation for such a place as this. If he has the right spirit and good health, I should say that he is just the man.

I infer that he is unmarried, a though you say nothing about it. As the time is so short, and you have at hand the chief points to be considered in the one for the place, I will not risk the possibility of delaying matters by writing to him personally, but will leave it with you to make definite arrangements if after full consideration it seems best to you to do so. I wish to open school Oct. 1st, and the sooner he can be here, the better, in order to have full understanding of the work to be done.

I suppose that this will be only an agreement for one year, leaving us both free to consider further continuation, and that he will notice that we are in the U.S., so that no further outfit will be necessary than he would expect to take if going to teach and work in any part of our country. I shall be glad to answer any questions which he may wish to ask me, however, and only refrain from writing to save time.

Yours truly,
A. C. Wright

P.S. I will, however, write him a few lines, leaving this arrangement to be made by you.

Rev. J.L. Barton, D.D. Boston, Aug. 26, 1899 El Paso Aug. 16 1899

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CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL
501 N. Santa Fe St.,
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A. C. WRIGHT.—DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. Aug. 31, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed report was taken away by the Com. and I have but just received it again, although I wrote for it immediately on discovering that it was not with my other papers.

I leave day after tomorrow for a trip to El V. de San Buenaventura, to be gone about ten days. I shall hope to hear something definite in regrd to either Mr. Stusson, or some other person for our school on my return.

Sincerely yours,

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501 N. Santa Fe St.,
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A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. Sept. 13, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of the 1st is before me, and I have word from Mr. Stutson that he will be here the last of next week.

I am very hopeful that he is just the right man, for many have been praying over the subject.

I have just returned from another trip in the El V. de San Buenaventura region, having travelled 300 miles by rail, 50 by stage and 190 on horseback. The prospect for a regular American congregation at Nueva Casas Grandes, which shall provide itself with a house of worship, to be held by the mission, is very good. I shall be able to visit them with some frequency with the new help in our work here. ~~Three~~Four new members were received to the church in San Buenaventura, and I went out to Cruces, where a few are beginning to invite our help.

I am now in search of a Mexican assistant for the school, and a matron. We ask for your prayers for guidance in this also.

Do you hear nothing more from the Education Society in regard to the property here?

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright

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CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL
501 N. Santa Fe St.,
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A. C. WRIGHT.——DIRECTOR.

EL PASO, TEX. Oct. 30, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 25th is at hand.

Our school opened on the first of this month, and has been very satisfactory indeed. Mr. Stutson has five classes each day, and goes to conduct services in the county jail each week, he speaking in English, and some of the students in Spanish, as the prisoners are nearly evenly divided between Americans and Mexicans. This, together with his study of the language and oversight of the building occupies him very well, and helps us a great deal. We like his spirit very much, and feel sure that he will be a most valuable worker when he gets the language. I infer that he is quite anxious to be regularly appointed in order to feel that he is settling down to his life work, and that he hopes that this step may be taken by another year.

For Mexican assistant I have secured a graduate of the school, Sr. Sebastián Hernández, who is doing especially well in every way, and his wife, an American, the sister of the Mr. Birlew whom we were considering for the place Mr. Stutson has, and a former teacher under the Education Soc. in New Mex., has the place of matron, and is giving

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better satisfaction than any one we have had yet in the place.

So far we have received but eleven boarders to the school, ~~but~~ we are free from the ones who made us much trouble ~~last~~ year, and have a much better lot, and expect a few more in a short time.

I think that you will be interested to know that I presented the Mormon question to our church last night (Sunday) and ninety-six of those present signed a petition to Congress to expel the polligamist Roberts ~~from~~ the House. All but five of these were Mexicans, but at present residing in the U.S. This will ~~also~~ give you an idea of our usual audience. The S.S. has from 70 to 90, and the evening service is commonly considerably larger, and this work is carried on with no pastoral calls possible, on account of my duties in the school.

The three most advanced students alternate in the following practical work, a month at a time in each:- One goes across the river to direct the S.S. and church service and weekly prayer-meeting in C. Juárez; another goes to speak in the jail and distribute tracts there; while the third directs a cottage prayer-meeting in C. Juárez each week and helps me in pulpit duties and prayer-meeting as needed, for I am obliged to be away with some frequency, to visit other points in the field. In the class in Homiletics the students report to me their subjects and an outline of their discourses.

I hope to have Mr. Stutson send you soon a report of the work during the vacation of one of our students which will give you an idea of the wonderful openings for work in some parts of our field.

Sincerely yours, A. R. Wright

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EL PASO, TEX. Dec. 8, 1899.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of Nov. 22d was duly received, and forwarded to the stations of the mission. It will cause much anxiety, and we shall be obliged to curtail our work seriously, and perhaps give up some of the native preachers whom we are employing, for there is no other source of support for them in their work. Indeed the question is raised, Why continue to educate young men for the ministry, if we have to withdraw support from those whom we have trained here and sent out into the field?

In this connection, allow me to ask whether there is any hope of your visiting this field at the time of our annual meeting this year, or at any other time?

In the mission circulating letter Mr. Howland, who was just concluding a tour with Mr. Bissell through his field (this is the first time that any one of the mission except Mr. Bissell has ever been in that territory), write as follows:- "I would urge the secretary and, indeed, all members of the mission to do what they can to impress upon the Board the importance of having some one on the field (Mr. Bissell's

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as he withdraws from the mission next June) before the middle of next year. If the one who is to take up the work could be here in time to make a full round of the district with Mr. Bissell, it would, undoubtedly, be of incalculable value to him and to the work. At all events, an interruption in the occupancy of the station would, in my opinion, be a most serious and deplorable event. The Board has claimed that there is a great surplus of candidates, the only difficulty in sending them being the scarcity of funds. In the present case there could be no excuse for delay on the ground of expense, as we only ask that the place be filled, and yet I suspect that there may be a long delay unless the secretaries are strongly and persistently reminded of the needs of the situation."

I do not know that this needs any addition from me, but I should be glad to hear from you in regard to the probability of our securing a man for the field before the Bissells leave. If he could be here to attend our annual meeting and then go back with Mr. Bissell it would be a great advantage, for in that way he would meet representatives from all of the stations, learn more intimately than he could by letter of the condition and work of the whole field, and besides the advantages mentioned by Mr. Howland, of going over the field with Mr. Bissell, for which he would not have much more time than he would need before the going of the Bissells, he would get a little idea of the language such as it would be very hard to get in a new station with no missionary companion at all.

Very truly yours, A. L. Wright

El Paso, Dec. 8, '99

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Chihuahua. Mex. May 16. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.

Dear Sir; Rec'd May 23

Yours of March 24th was received in El Paso but I have waited to see a little of the interior of Mexico, and to talk with my niece, Mrs. Olds and her husband, before replying. I have been slowly driven to the conclusion that I am physically unequal to work anywhere in Turkey, and if it is the opinion of the Prudential Com. that I should not be appointed to

any other field I hereby regretfully resign my commission with thanks for the honor and privilege of serving (or trying to serve) the Board for eight years. (Tears fill my eyes as I write it.)

If, however, they are willing to consider the subject of my transfer, I ask to be given work in Mexico at the same station with Mr. Olds: believing that in this climate, with my niece's care and help (if necessary. though I do not expect to call upon her to any great extent for aid) life will be easier here than in Turkey. I am not less anxious than formerly to spend all my strength in christian work but I see that the strength ~~to be expended~~ itself is less.

The Mexican Mission voted last year to ask the Board for a teacher for Cusihuiriachic, (Mr. Olds' station) and he is writing his wishes on the subject to Dr. Clark.

Mr. Eaton of this city asked me two yrs. ago if I would not consider a proposal to work in the girls' school here, and has since renewed the question to my brother but I am anxious to be with my niece and her husband who is a relative also, — my second cousin.

I have been studying Spanish these two months and think that a few more months would give me comparative freedom in its use.

I have written as if conscious of none but physical disqualifications but I do feel them just as much as when I wrote Dr. Alden in 1883 that I was deeply dissatisfied with my religious experience. I should never

have been surprised if my associates in Turkey had complained of me as unfit for missionary work; and I have been continually surprised at their appreciation of work so faulty and feeble.

If it should seem unwise now to yourself and the Prudential Com. to accede to this request for transfer to Mexico (and to the station occupied by Mr. Olds) I shall not have the slightest grounds for complaint but, on the contrary, shall cherish feelings of gratitude for the great consideration shown me heretofore, and for the cheering letters which have made me,

Respectfully and heartily
Your friend,
Mary Page Wright.

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P.S. I have not consulted the ladies of the W.B.M.U. (whom I have promised my time from July 15th, when I return to the States, till Oct 1st to go about visiting churches) but I presume they would be willing to release me from that work if let me prepare ~~to~~ give my time to preparations for returning to Mexico in the fall in case I am appointed to Mexico

M. P. W.